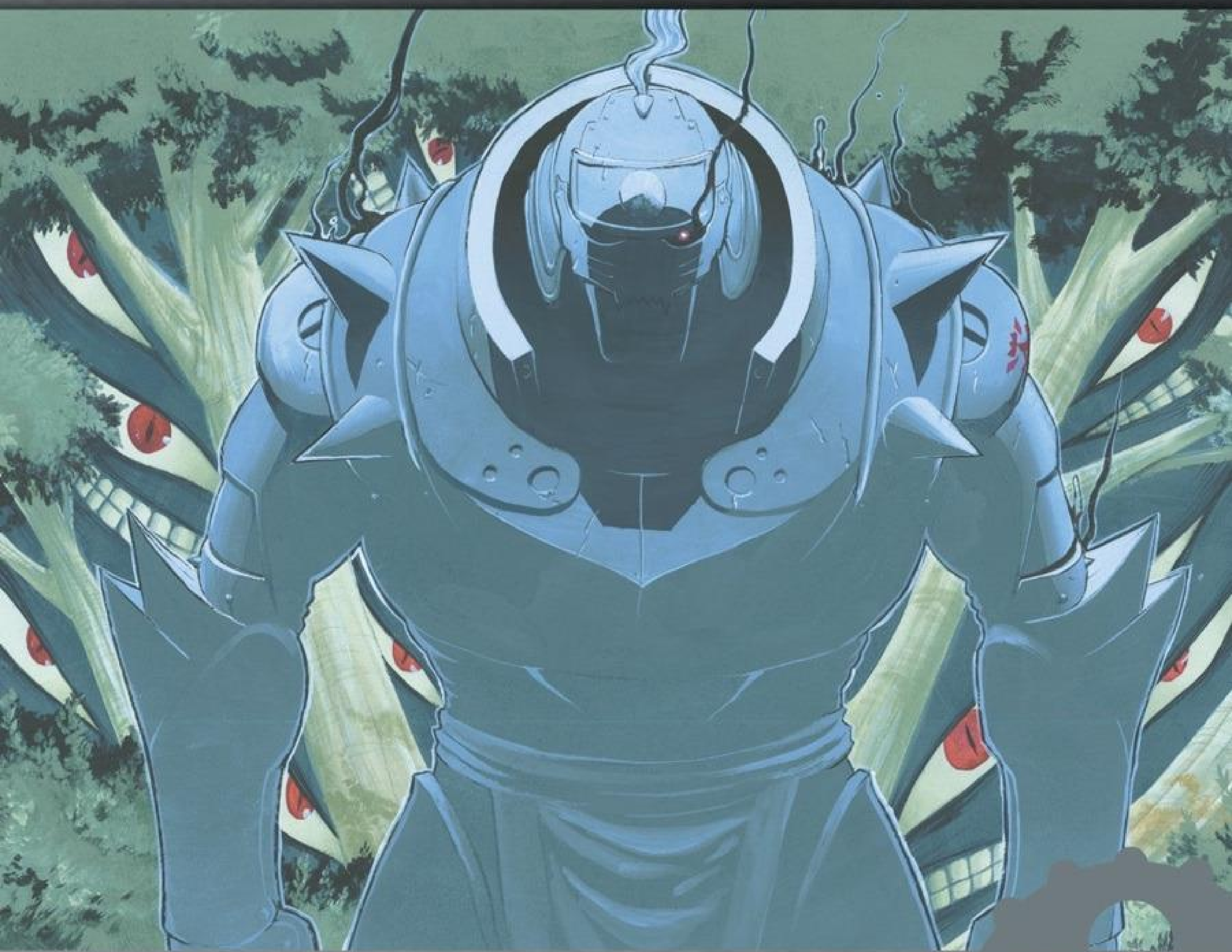


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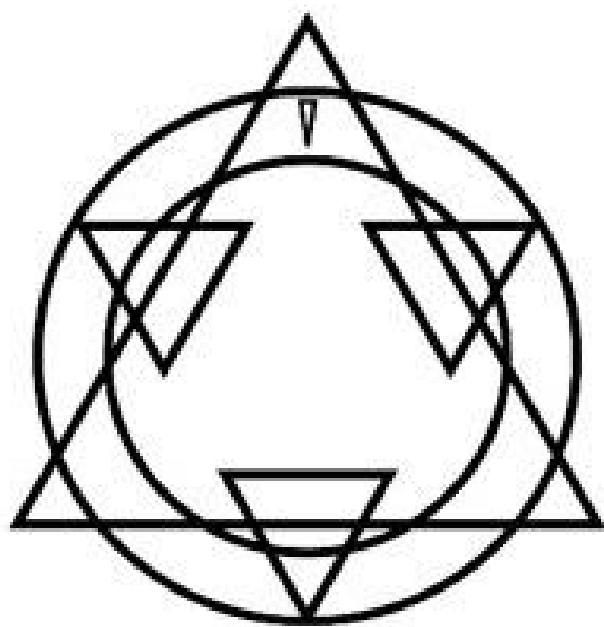
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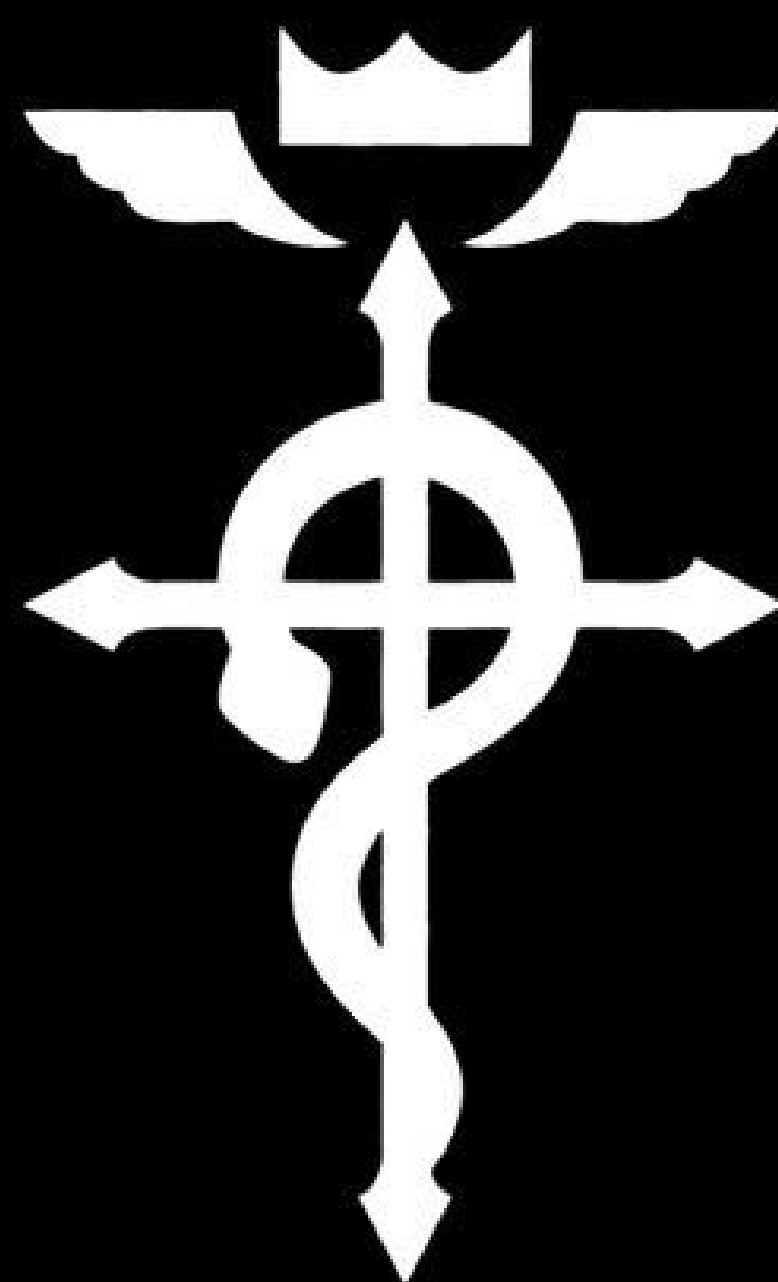


From this volume on, the story is entering its final stretch (in a manner of speaking). Looking back, I really feel like we've come a long way.

—Hiromu Arakawa, 2009



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.



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CHARACTERS

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST



□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



□ スカー

Scar



□ オリヴィエ・ミラ・アームストロング

Olivier Mira Armstrong



□ キング・ブラッドレイ

King Bradley



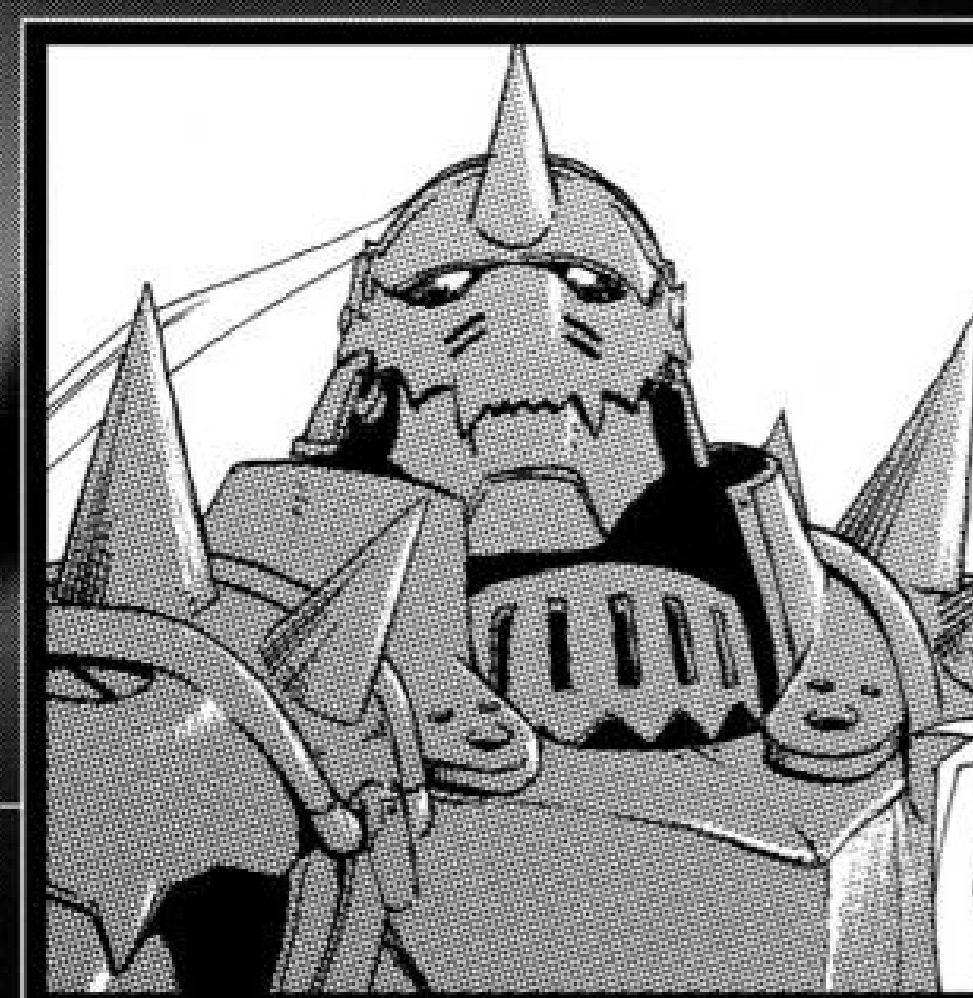
□ ヴァン・ホーエンハイム

Van Hohenheim



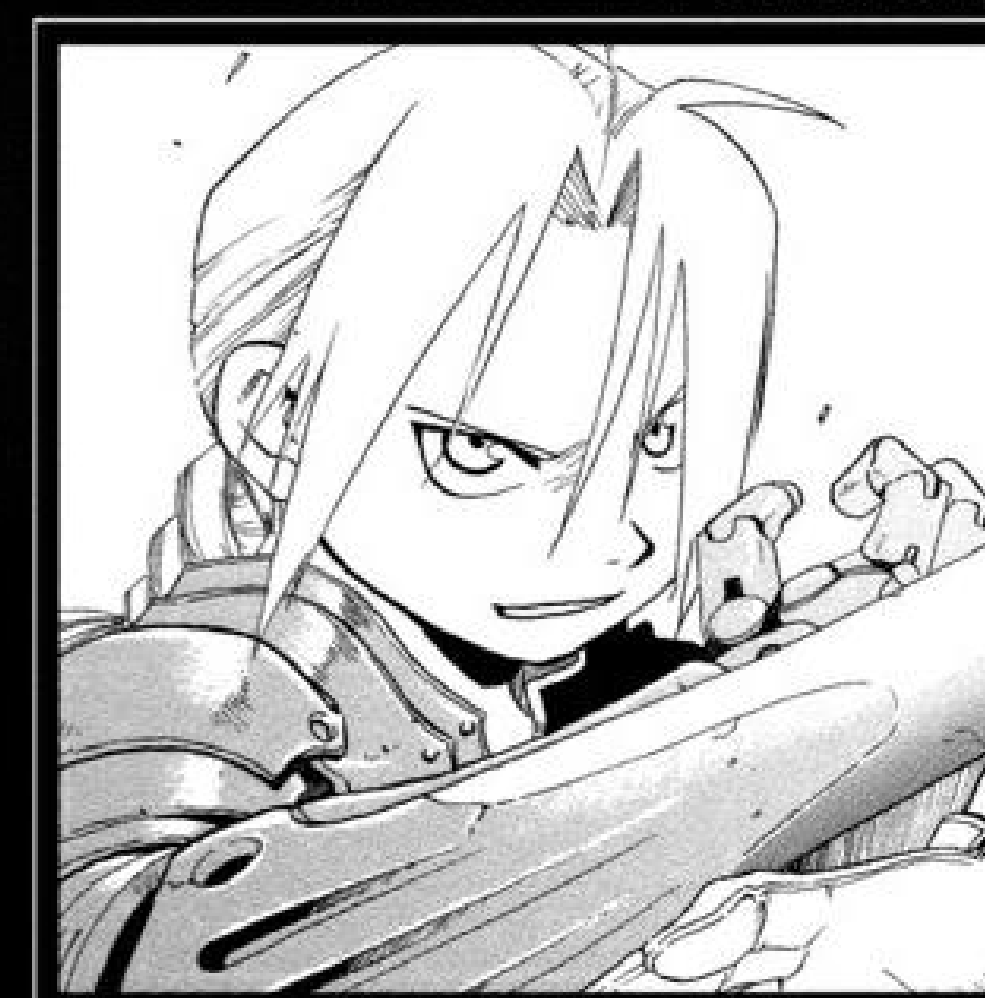
□ リン・ヤオ (グリード)

Lin Yao (Greed)



□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



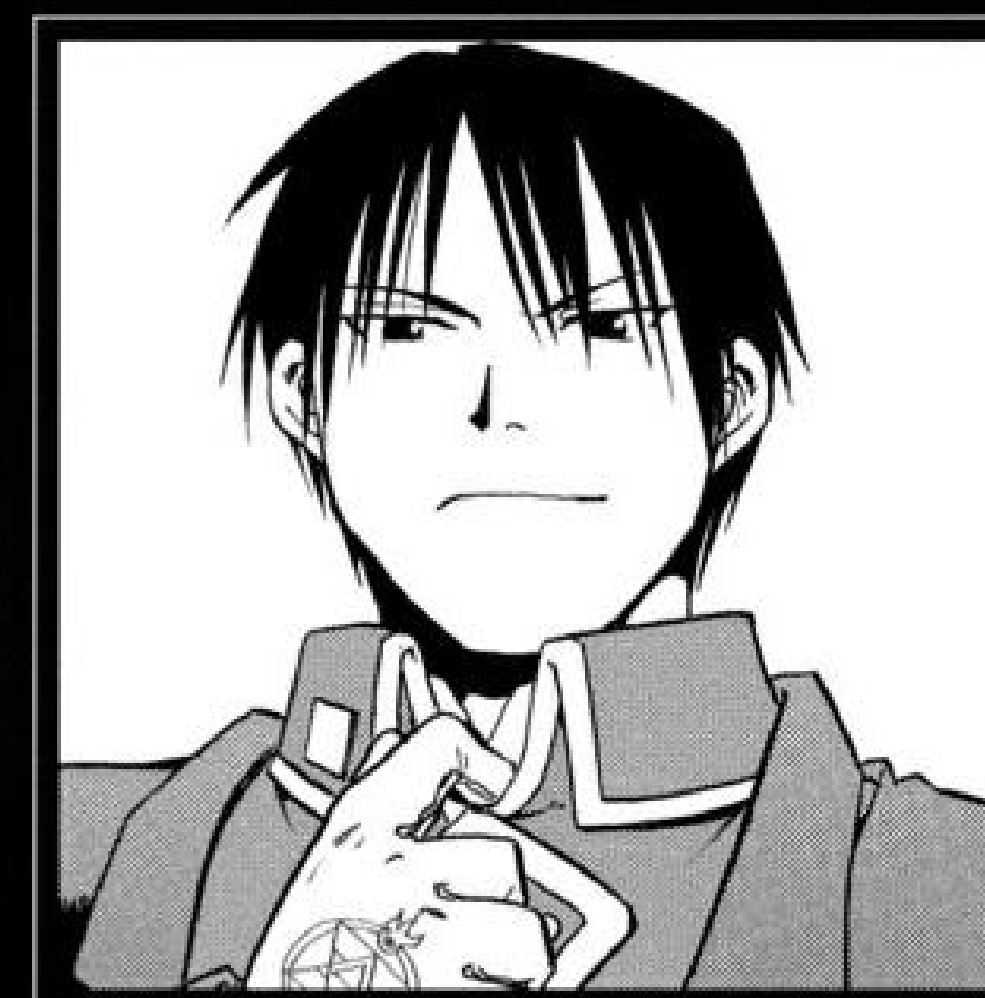
□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

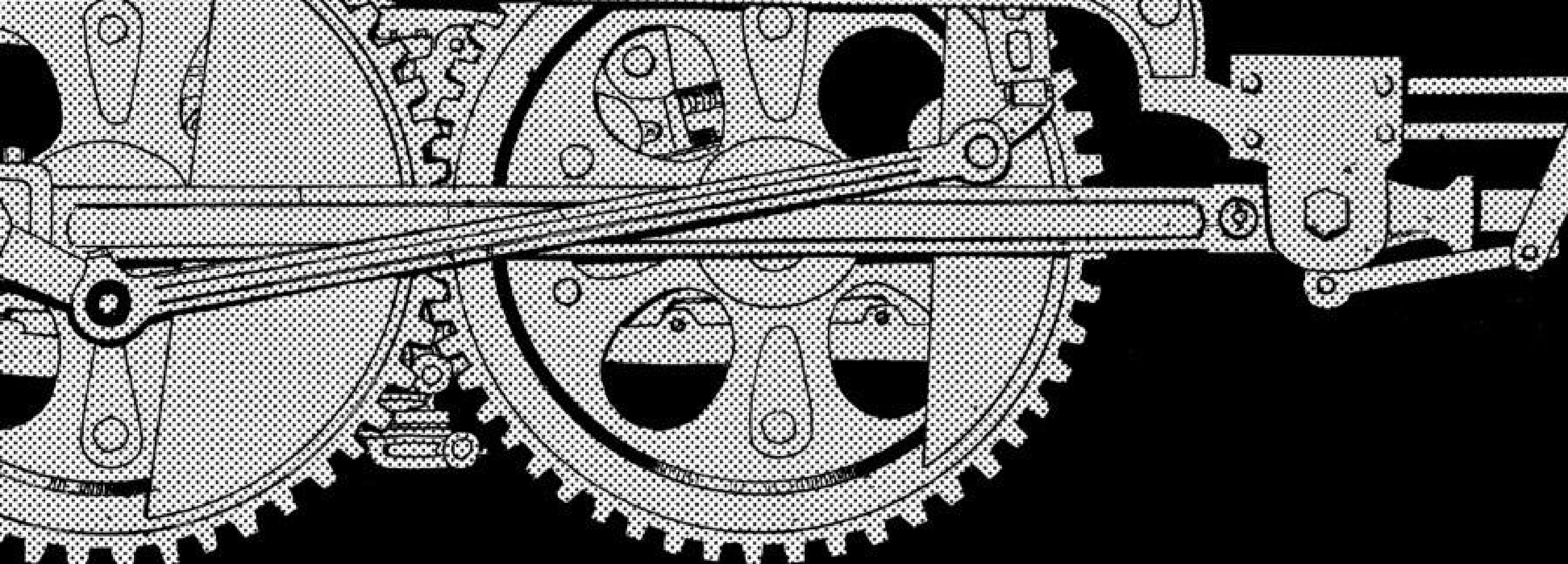
Roy Mustang

OUTLINE

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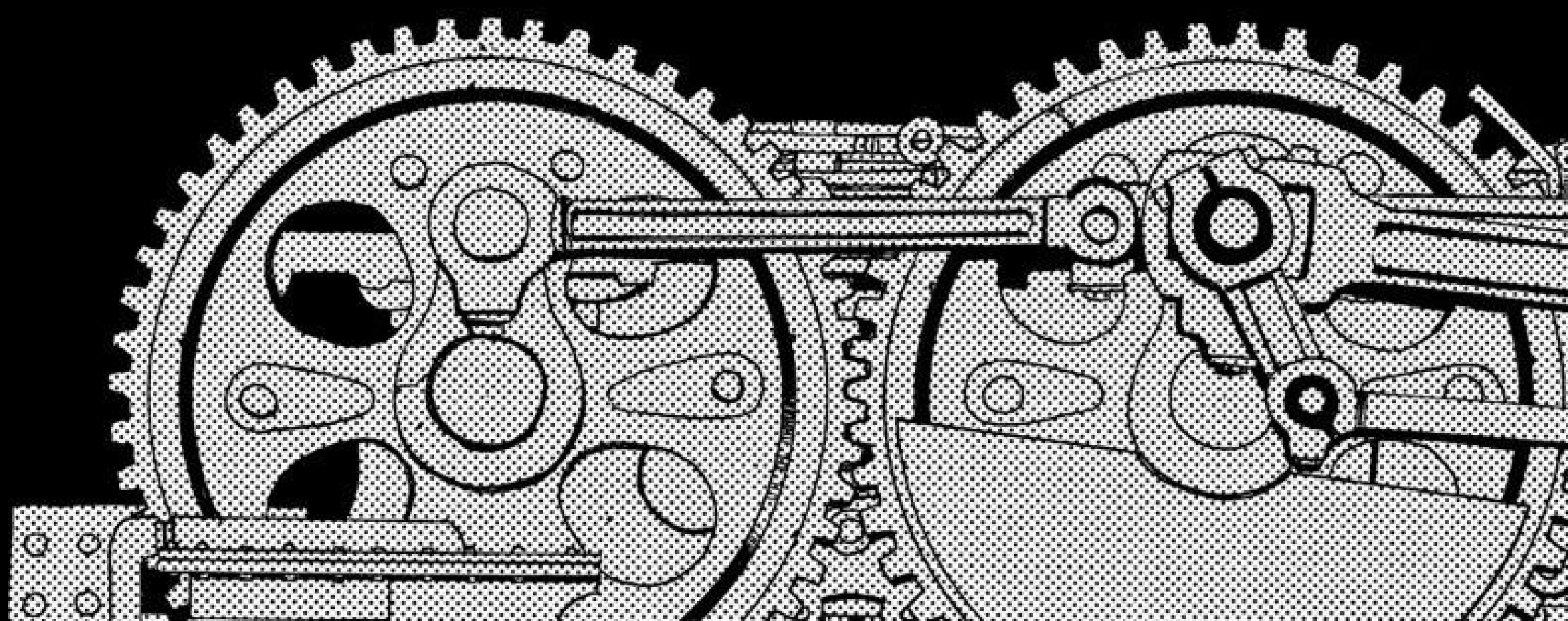
Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist in hopes of finding a way to restore their bodies. Their search embroils them in a deadly conspiracy that threatens to take the innocence, if not the lives, of everyone involved.

As the "Day of Reckoning" approaches, an intricate chess game has emerged in Amestris. On one side stand the Elrics, Mustang's crew, Olivier Armstrong and a ragtag bunch of chimeras; on the other, Military Command, Kimblee, the Homunculi and their mysterious "Father." At stake—the lives and souls of every last person in the country! But there is one "piece" who refuses to take sides—Prince Lin of Xing, now fused with the Homunculus Greed. With time running out, Ed swears fealty to Greed in the hopes of tipping the balance. Will the gambit pay off...?



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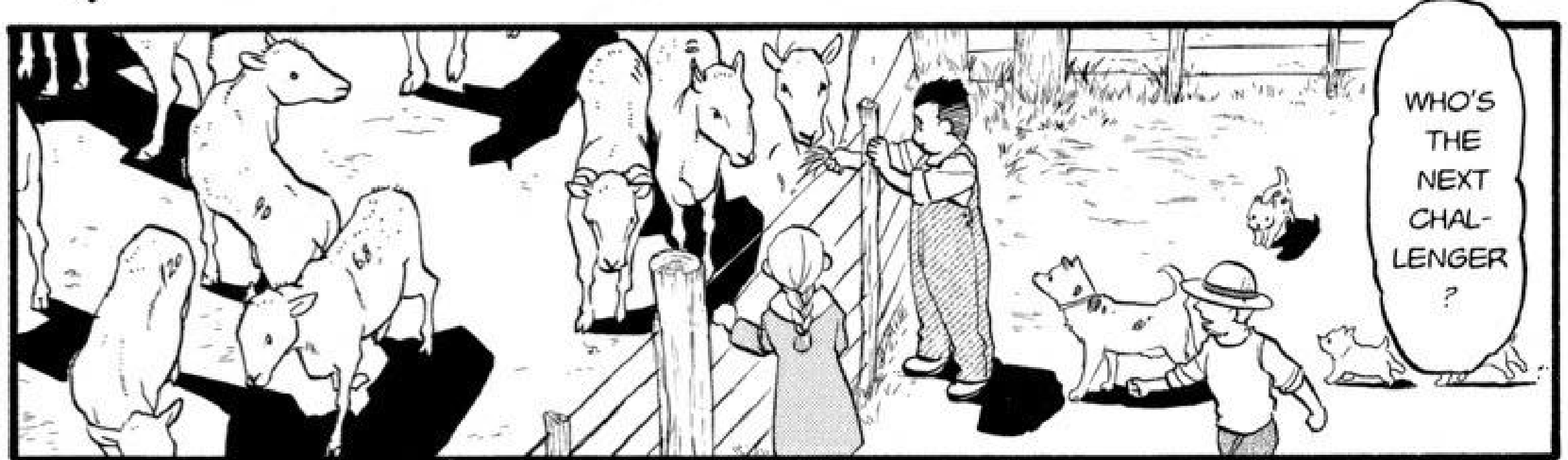
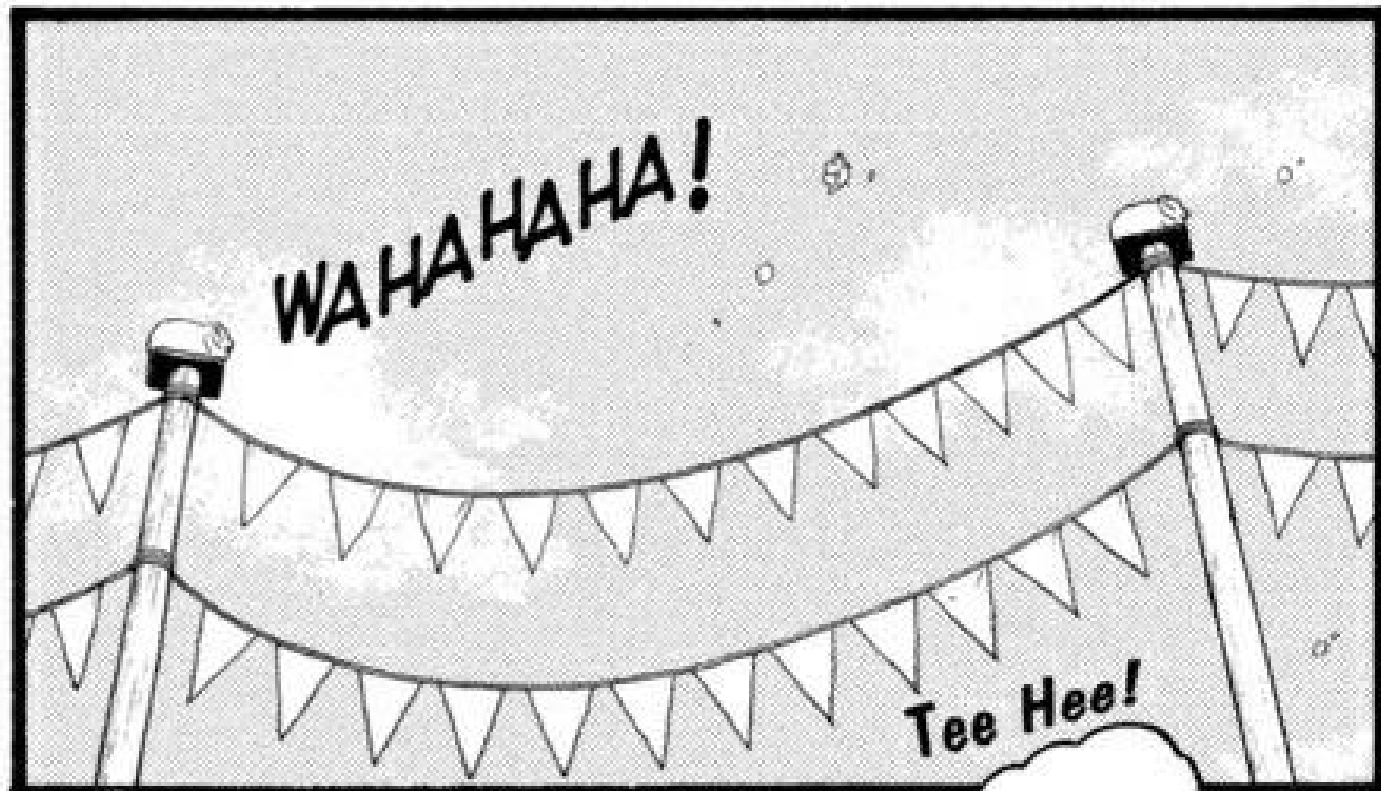
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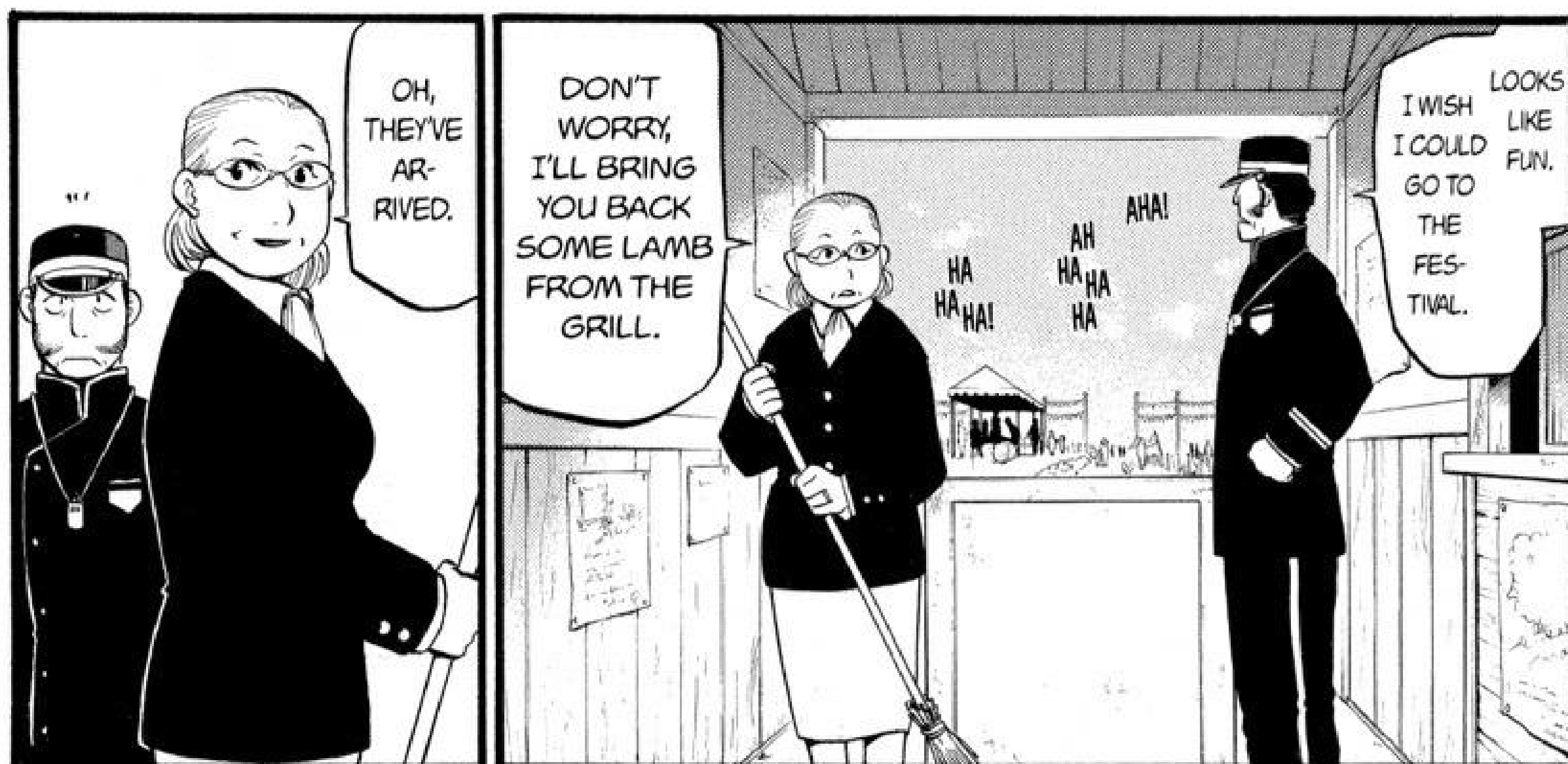


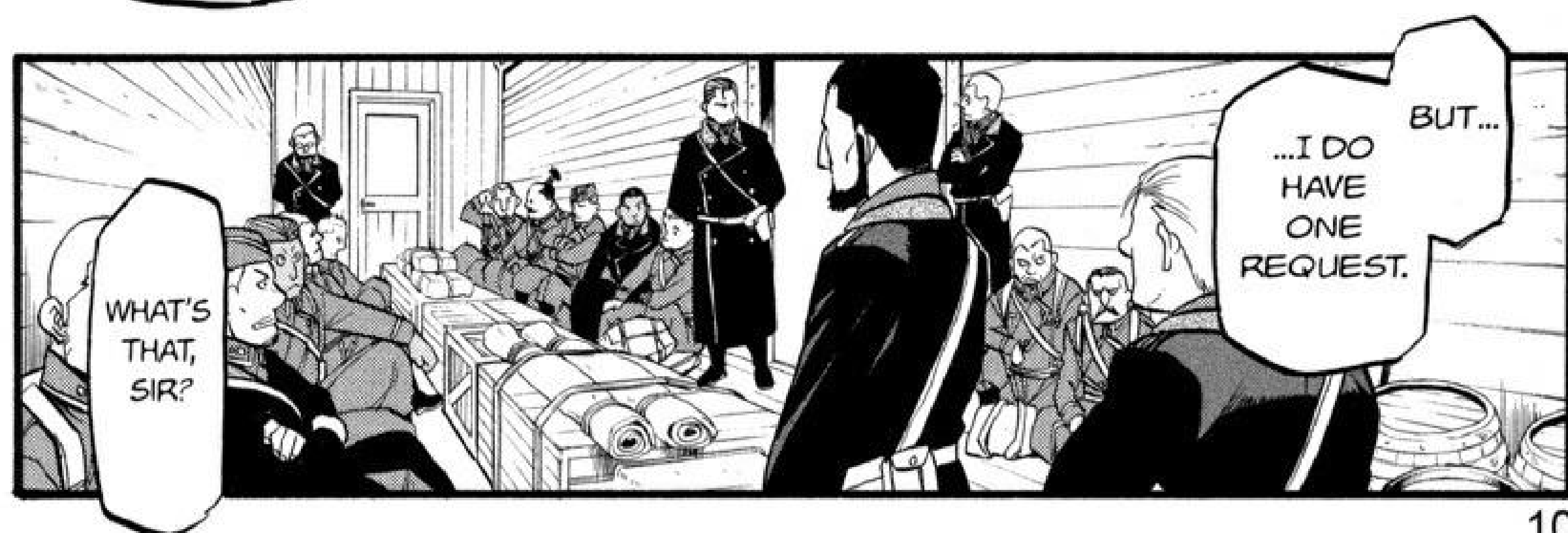
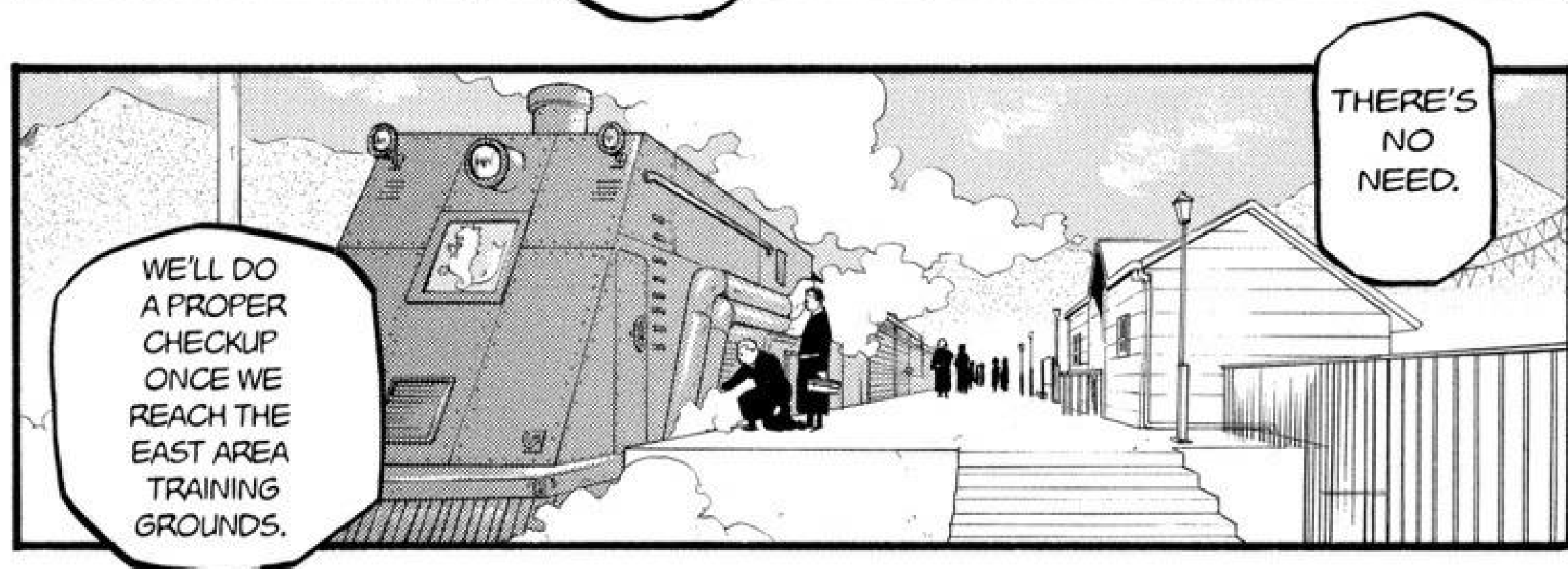
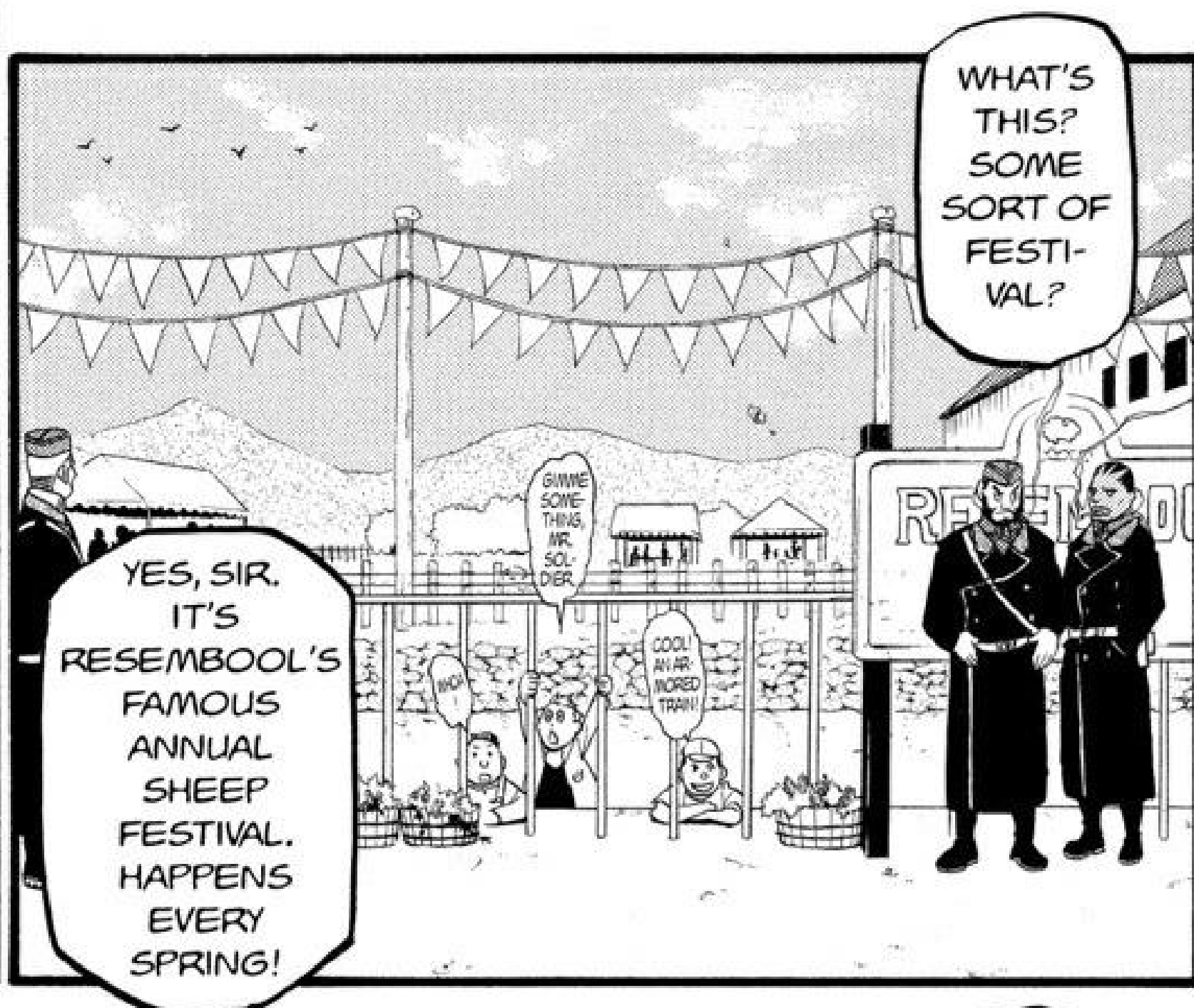


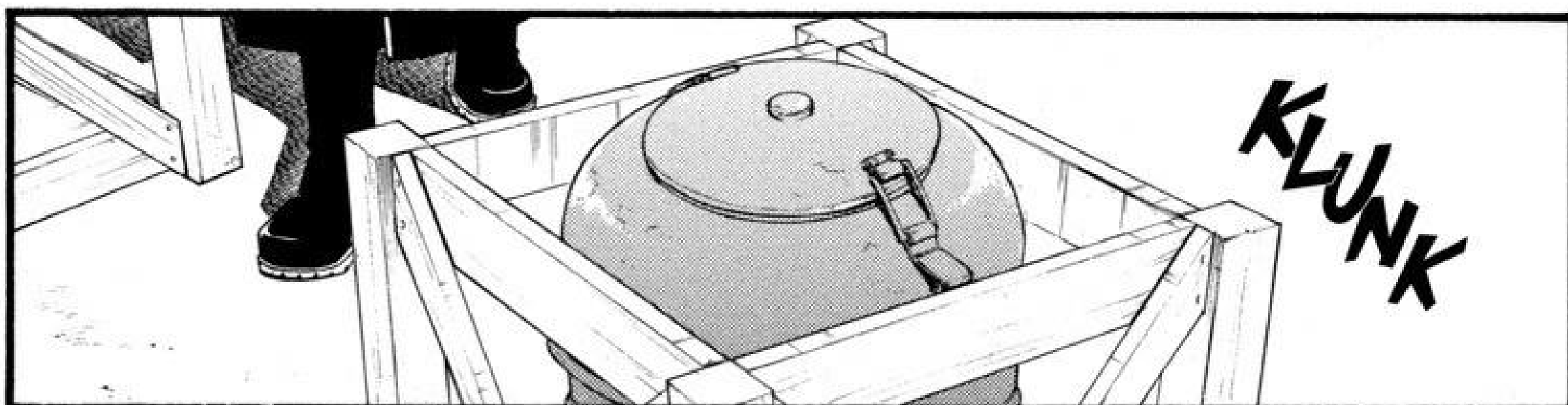
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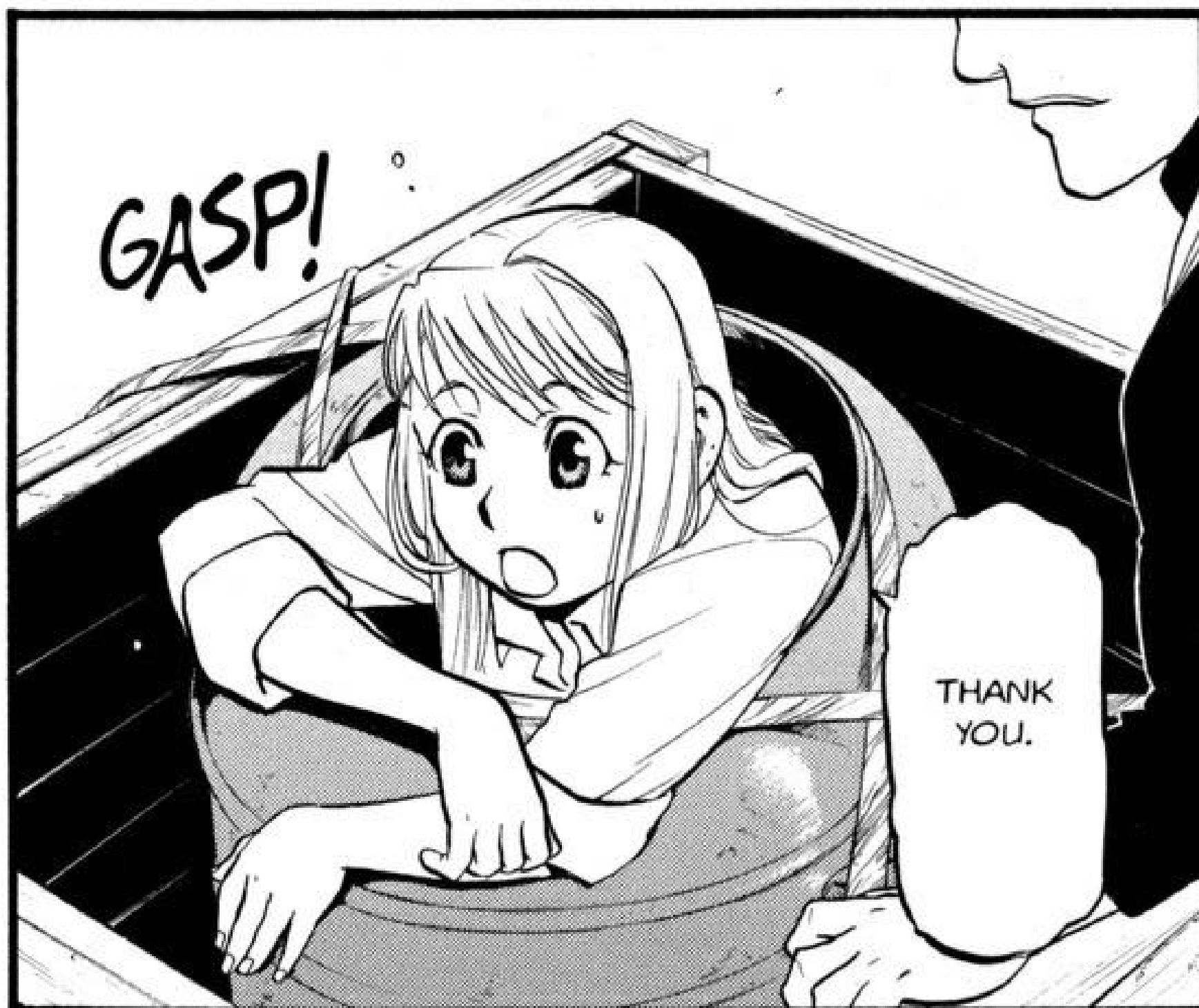
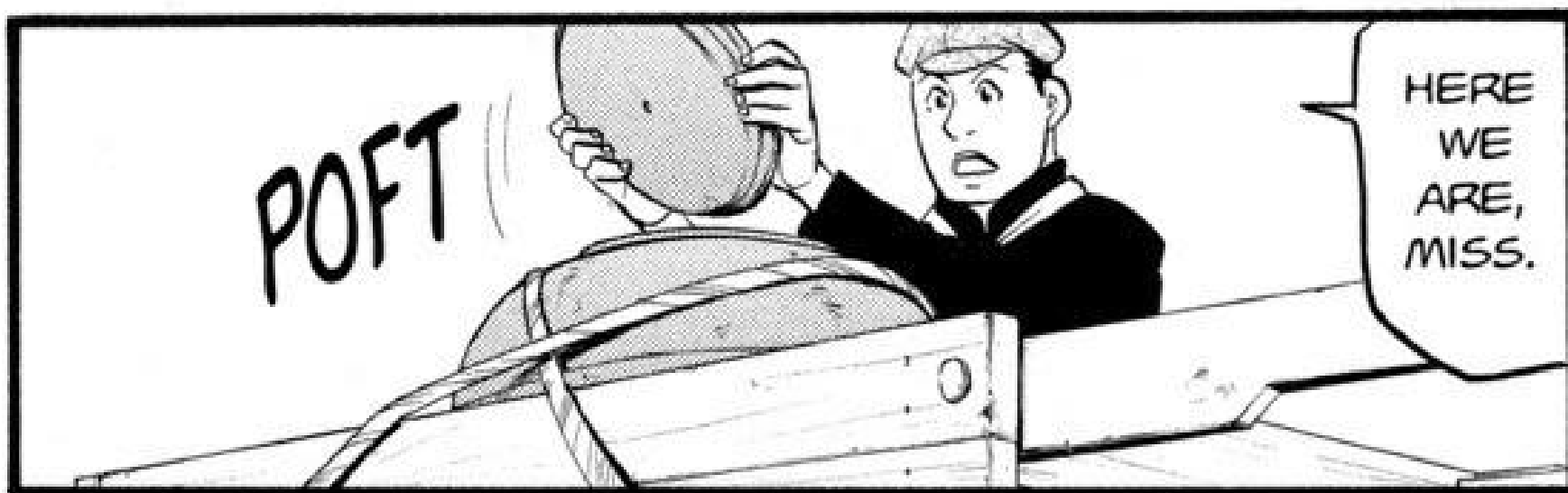
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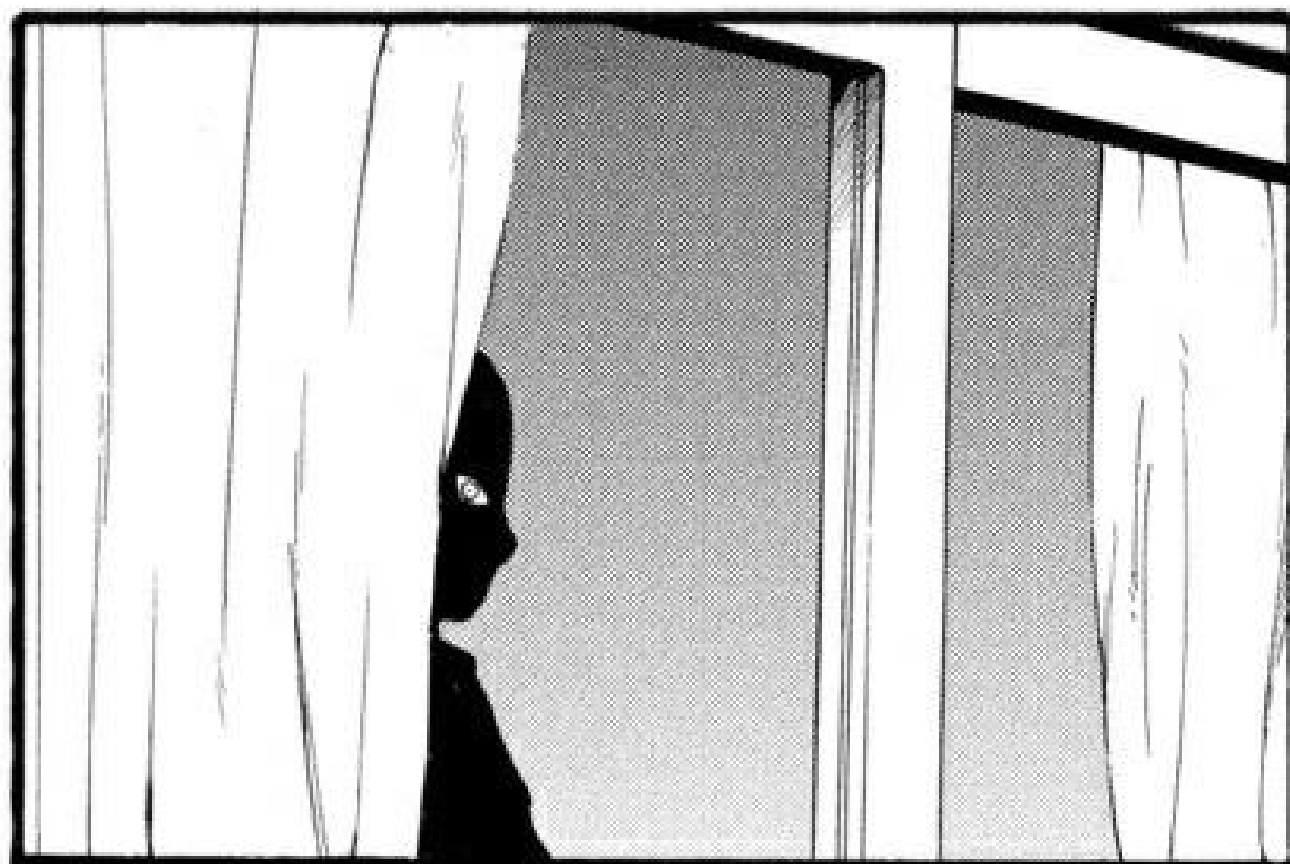












WE CAN
GET IN
THROUGH
THE
BACK-
DOOR.

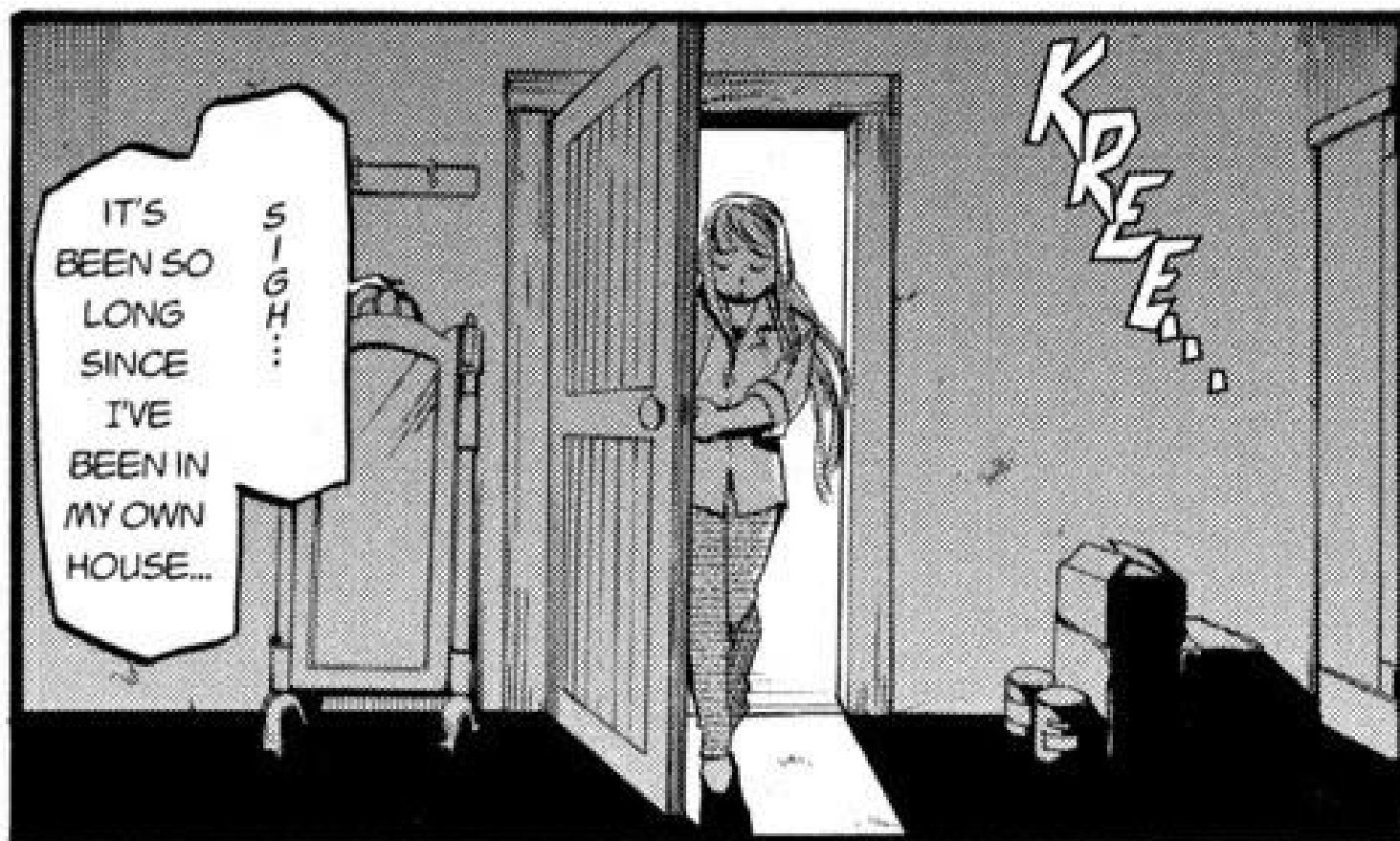
THIS
WAY.



YOU
SHOULD
BE ALL
RIGHT
IN THERE
FOR A
WHILE.

YES,
THERE'S
A LARGE
BASE-
MENT.

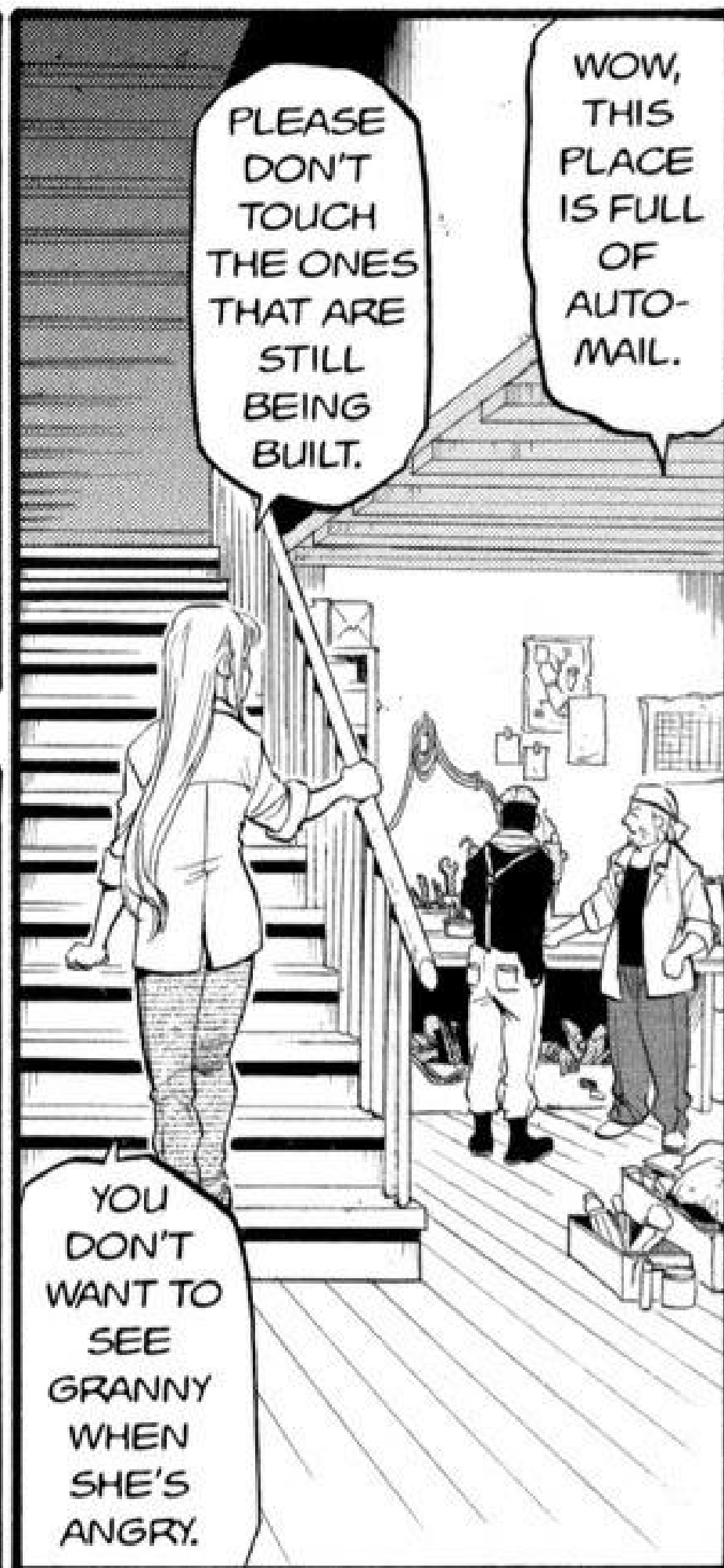
IS
THERE
SOME-
PLACE
IN HERE
WHERE
WE CAN
HIDE?



IT'S
BEEN SO
LONG
SINCE
I'VE
BEEN IN
MY OWN
HOUSE...

S I G H :

K
R
E
E



PLEASE
DON'T
TOUCH
THE ONES
THAT ARE
STILL
BEING
BUILT.

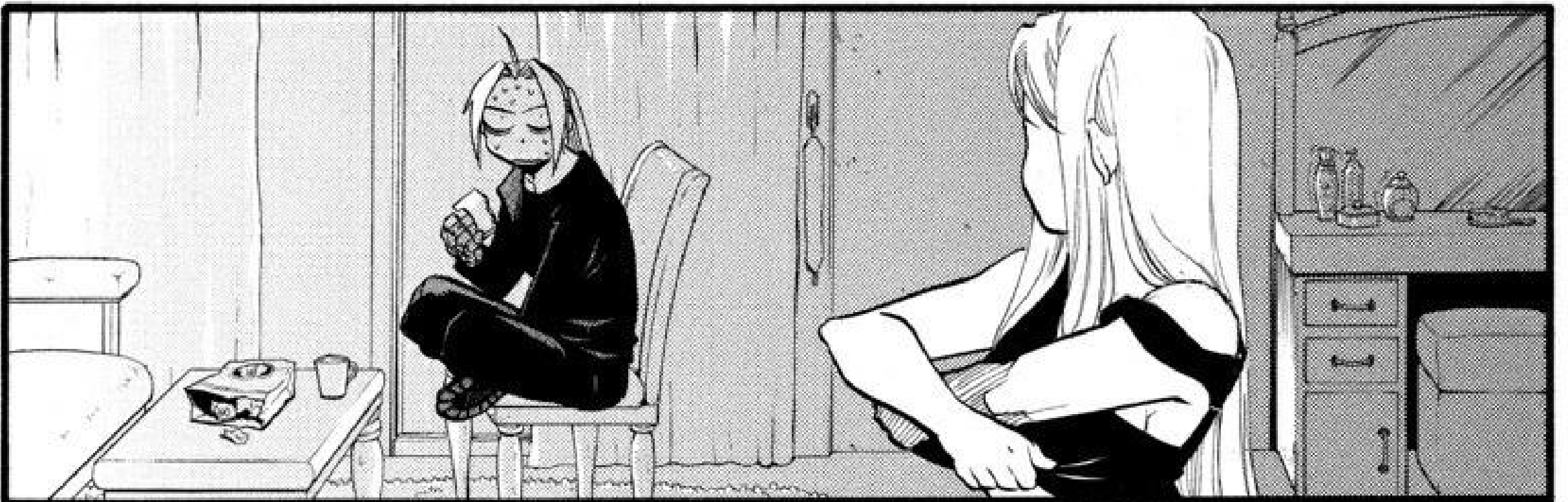
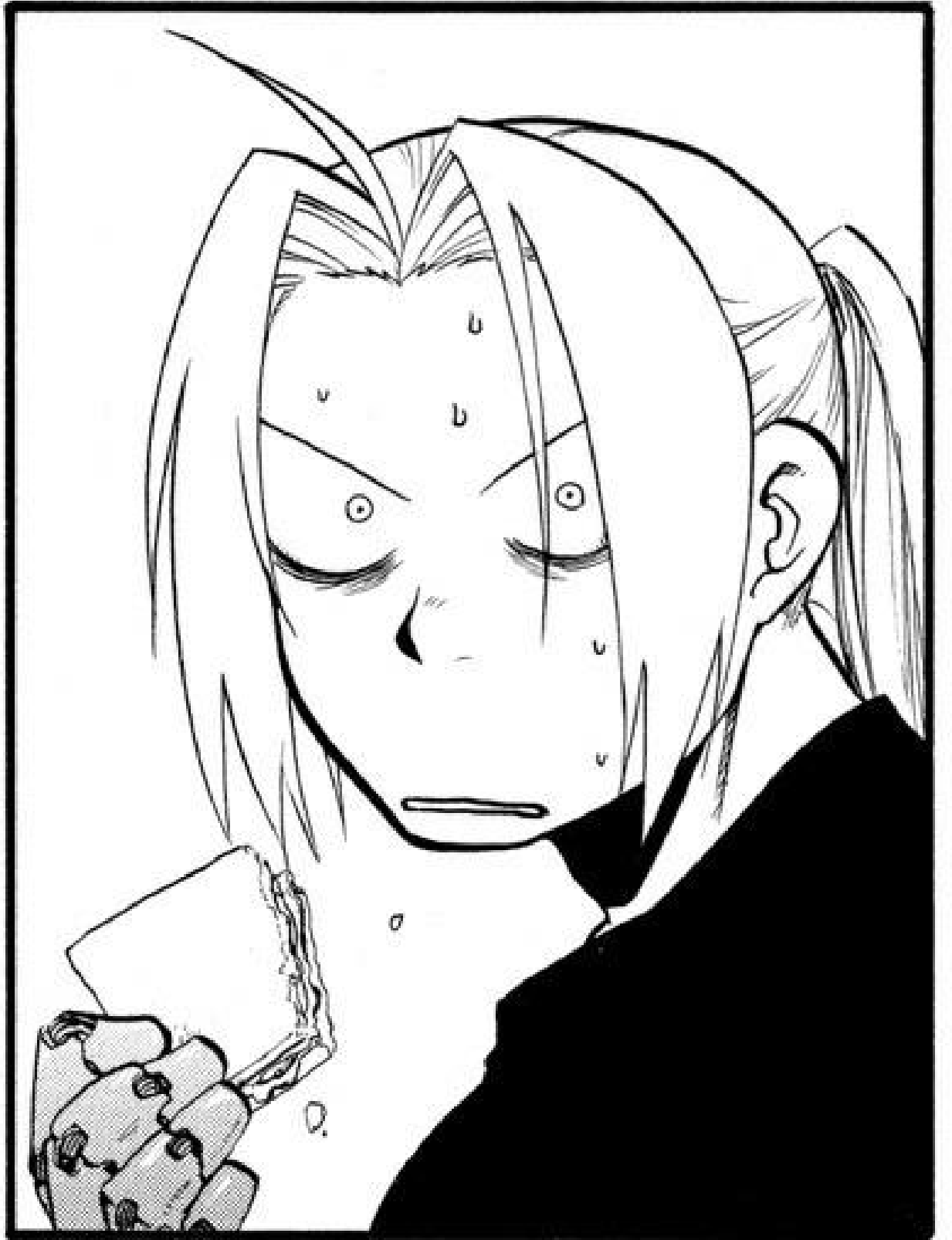
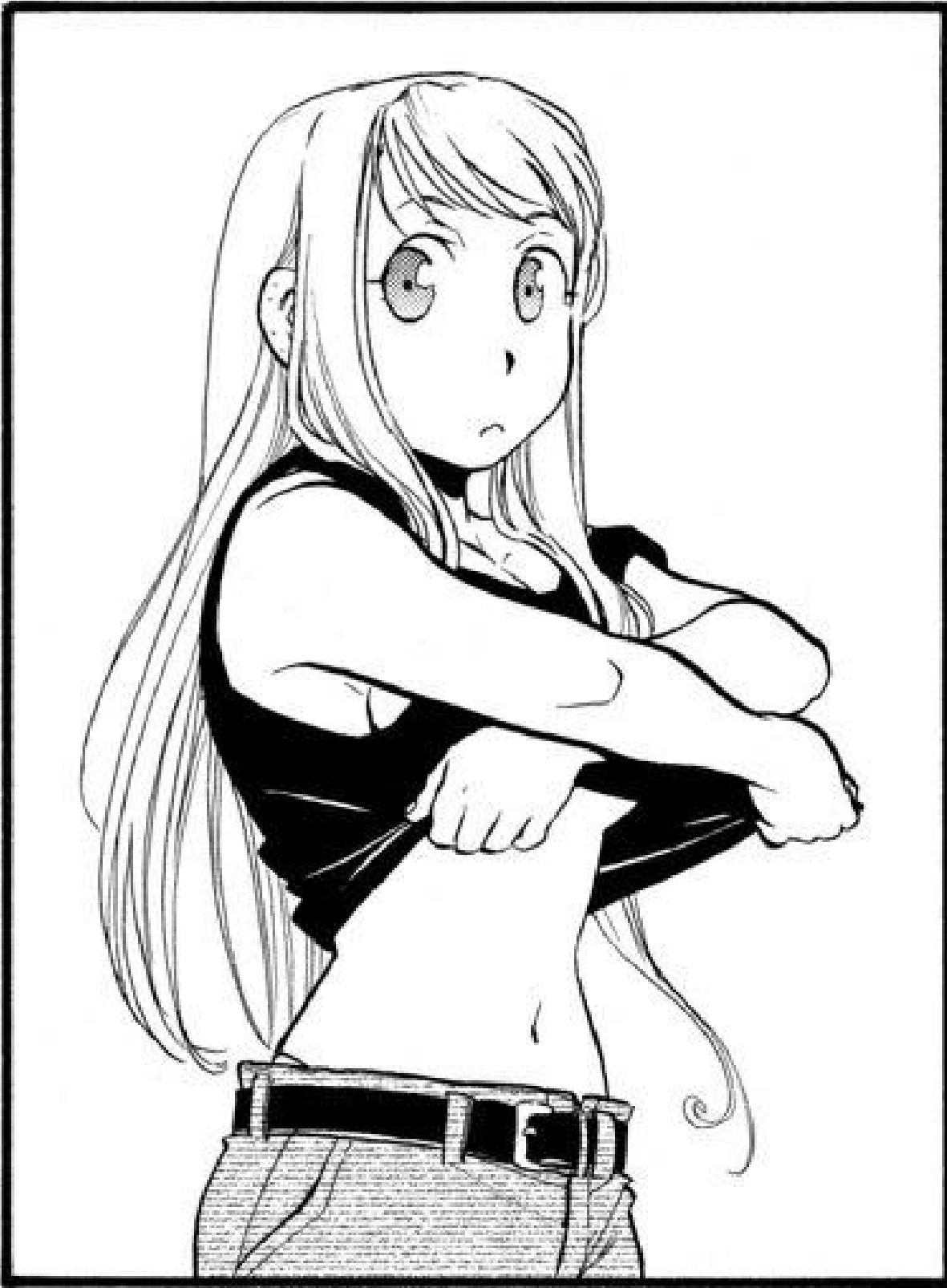
WOW,
THIS
PLACE
IS FULL
OF
AUTO-
MAIL.

YOU
DON'T
WANT TO
SEE
GRANNY
WHEN
SHE'S
ANGRY.

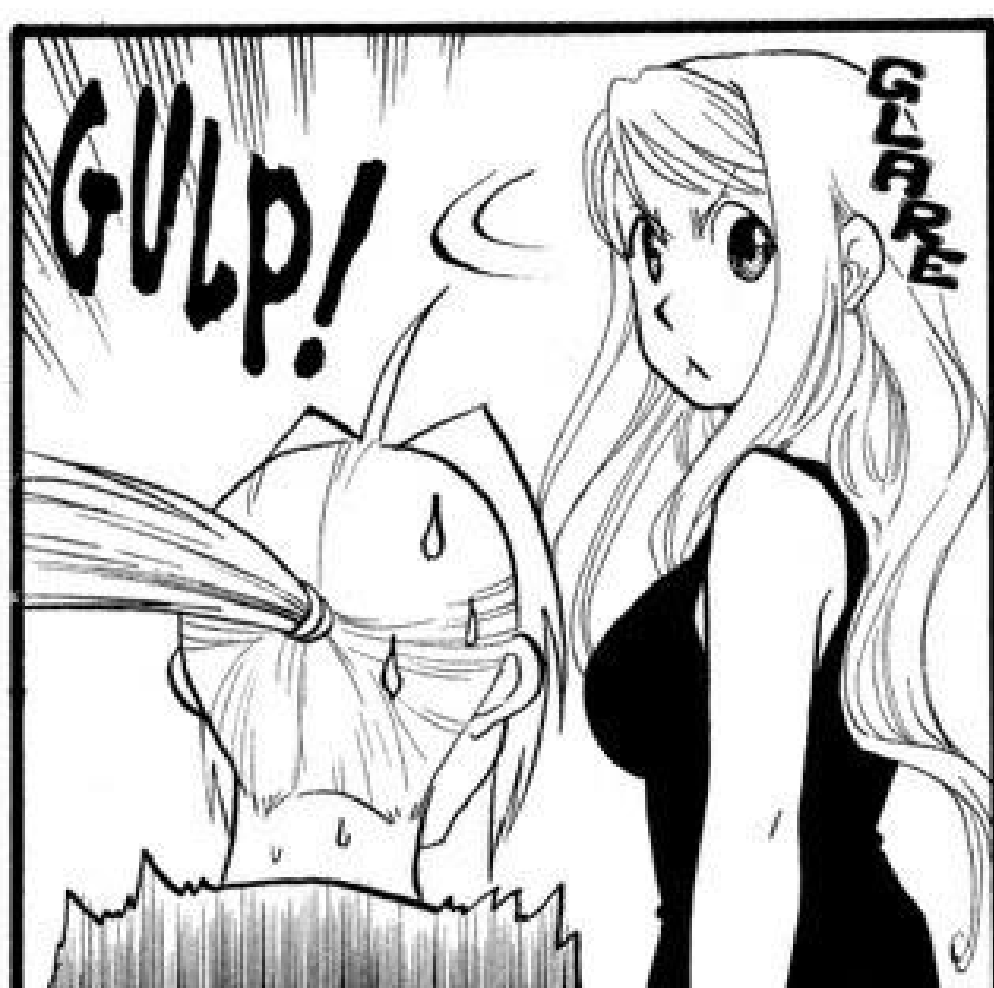


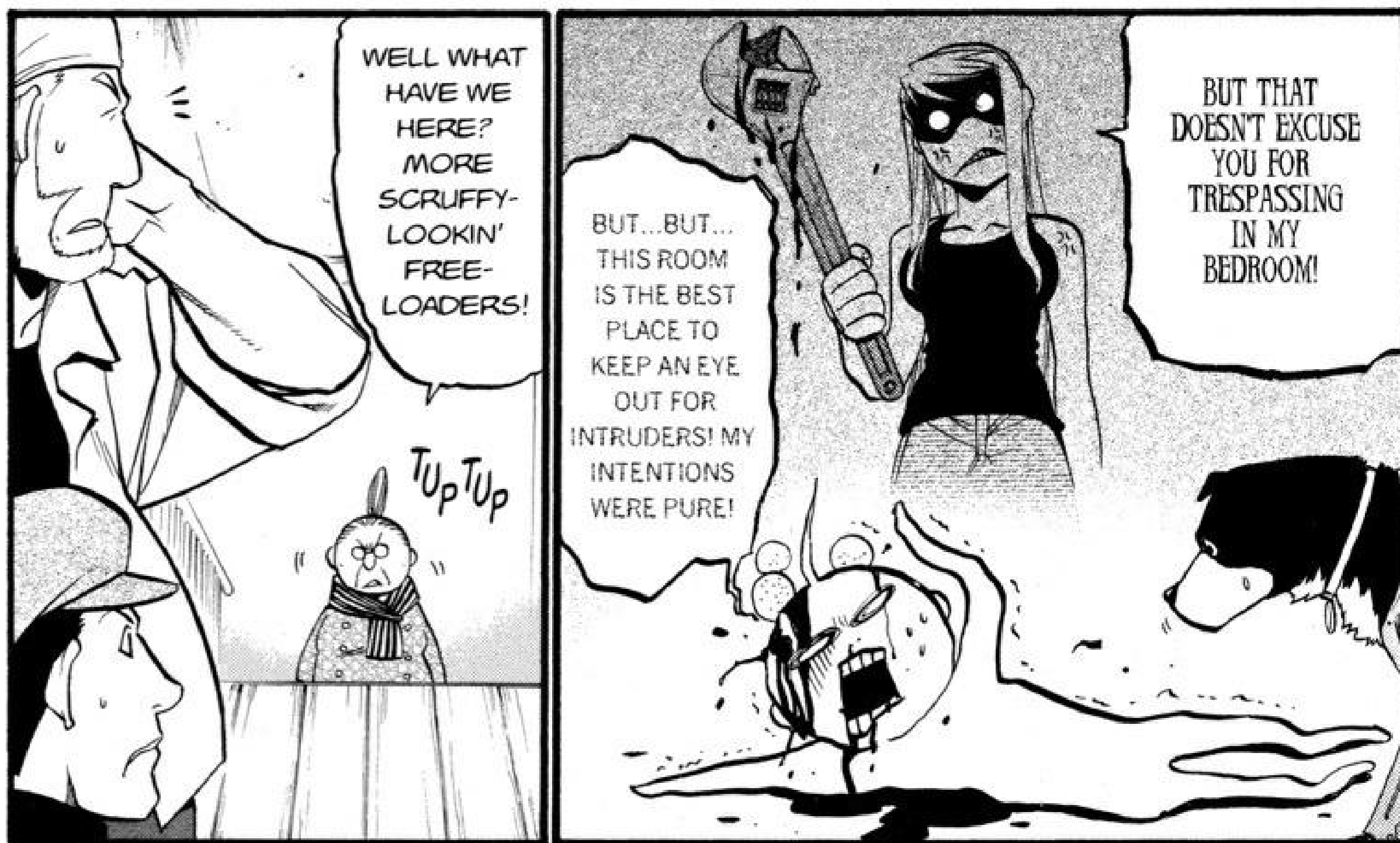
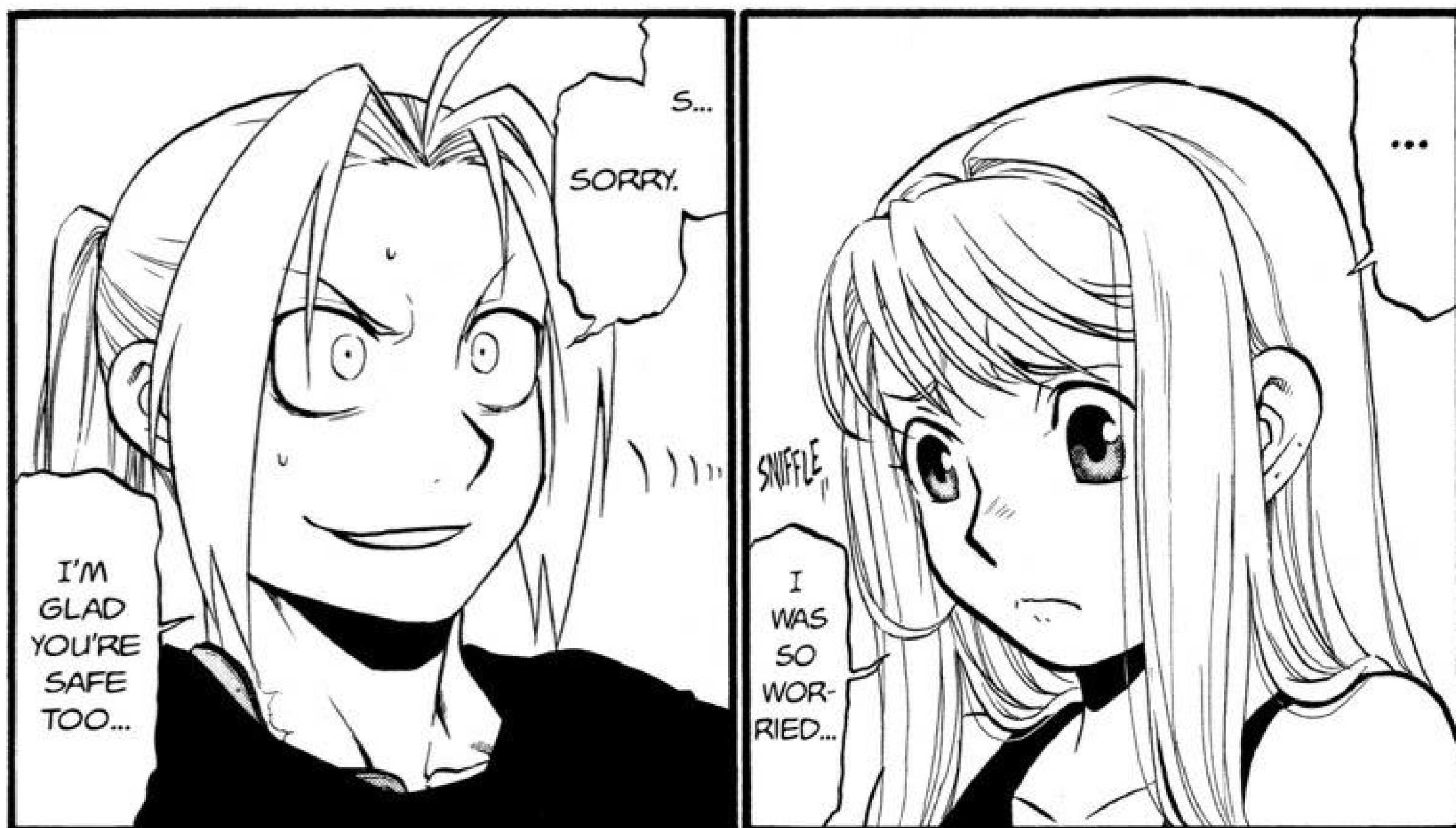
UGH...
EVERY-
THING
IS SO
DUSTY
!

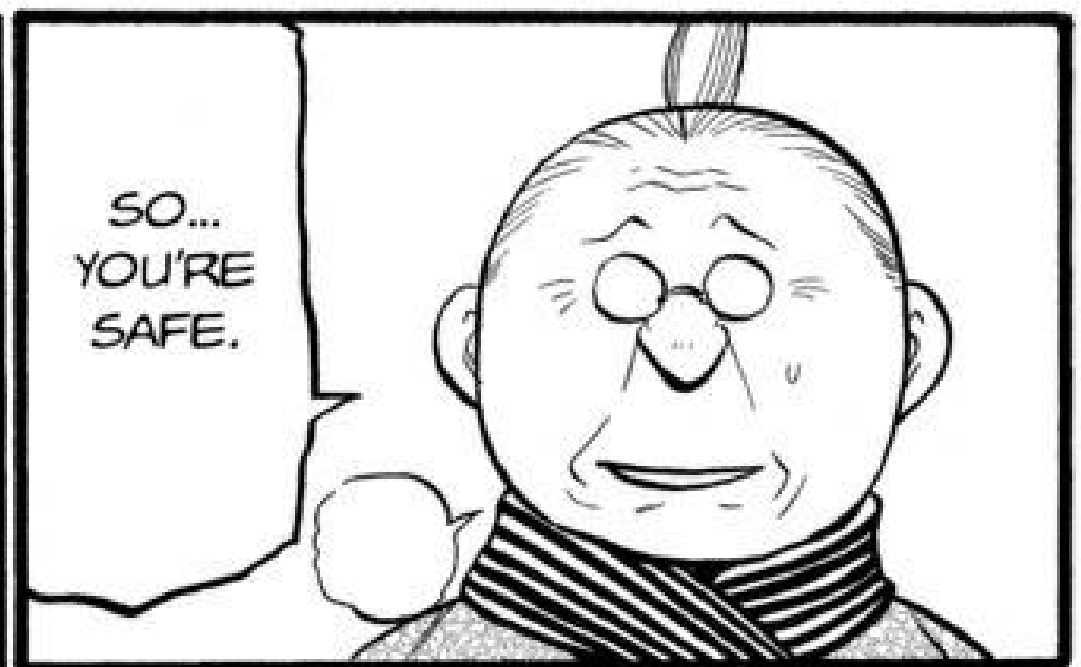
I'LL
GIVE
THE
ROOM A
GOOD
CLEANING
TOMOR-
ROW.

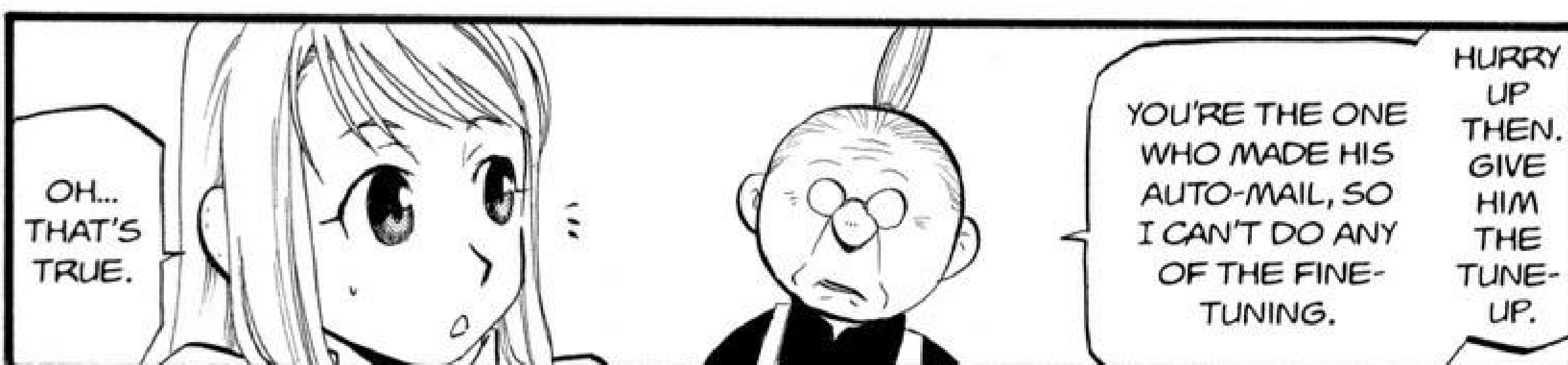
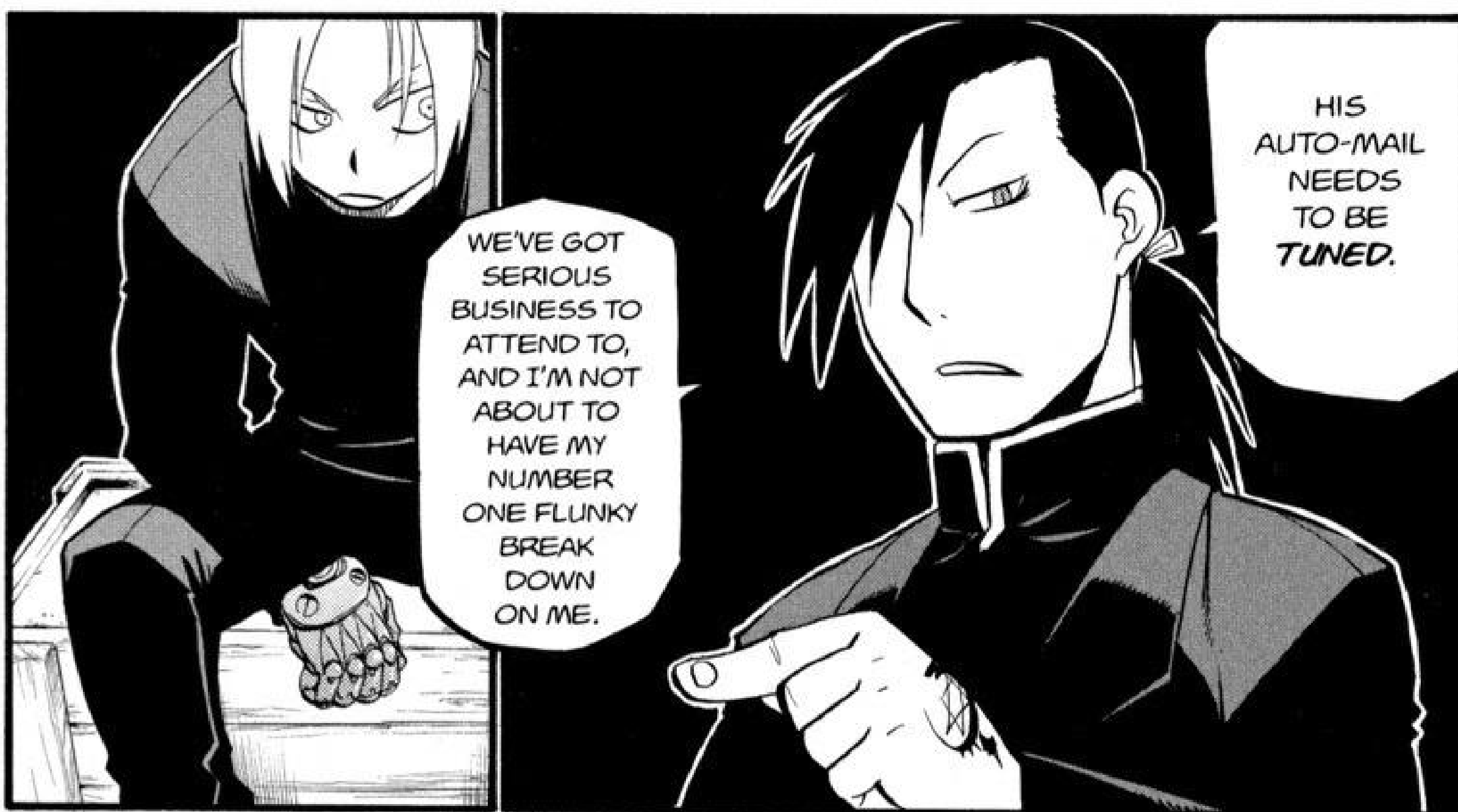


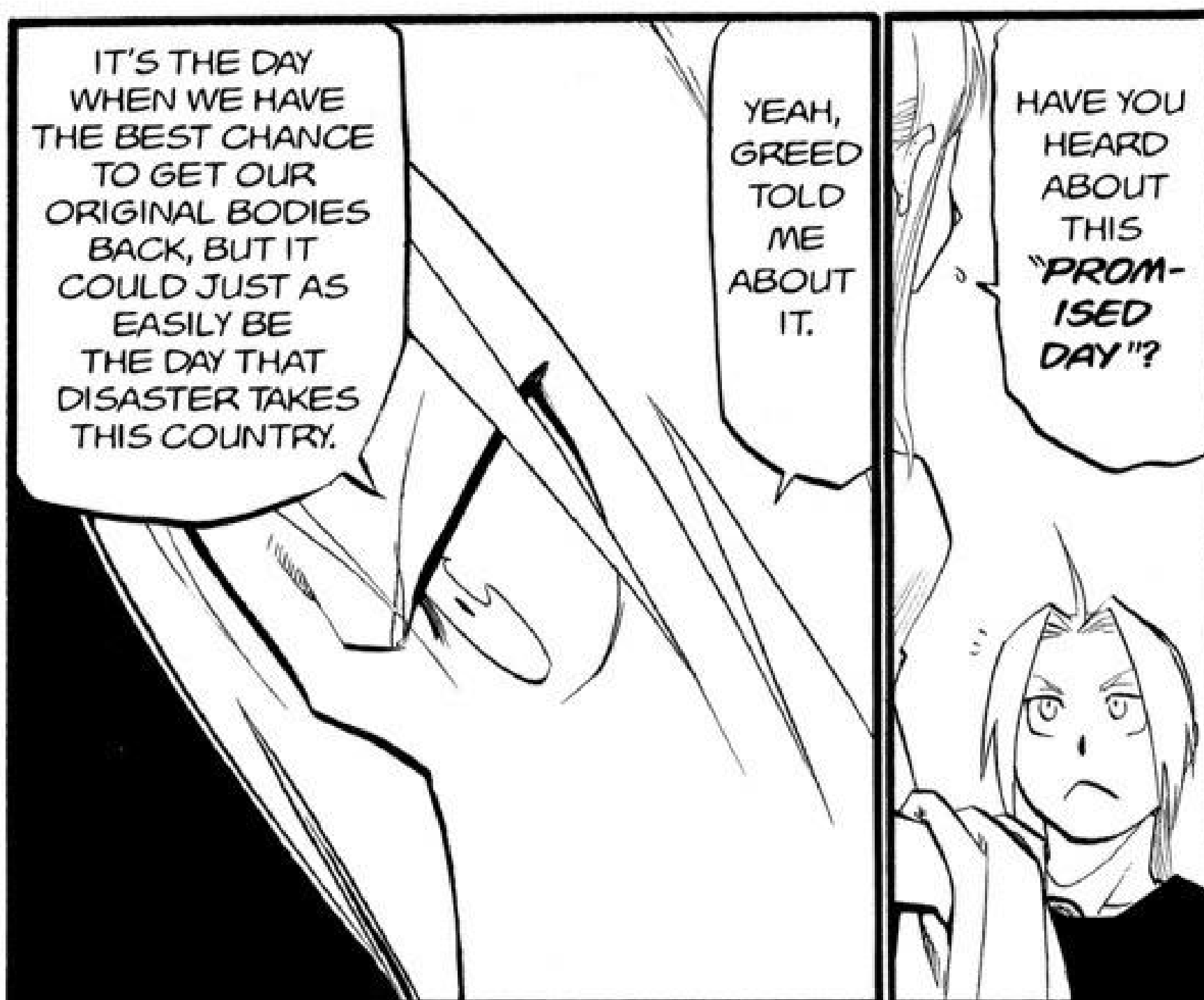
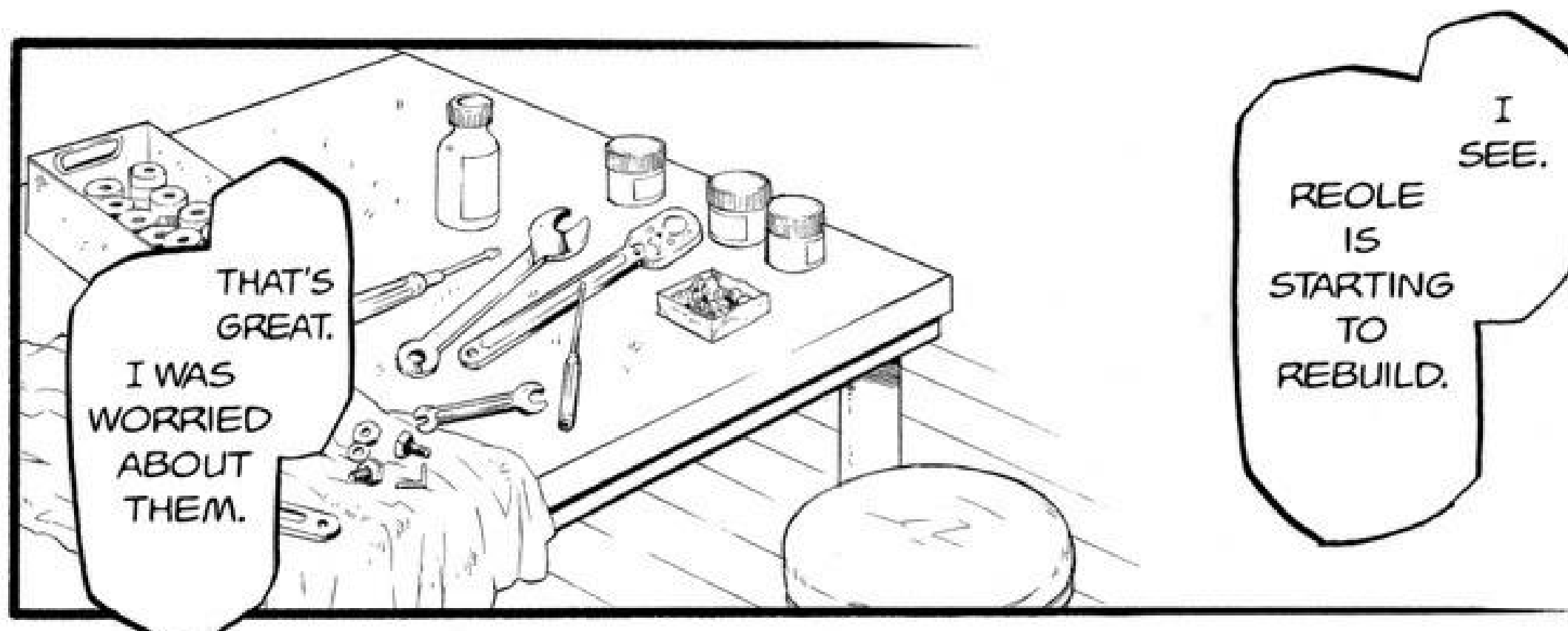


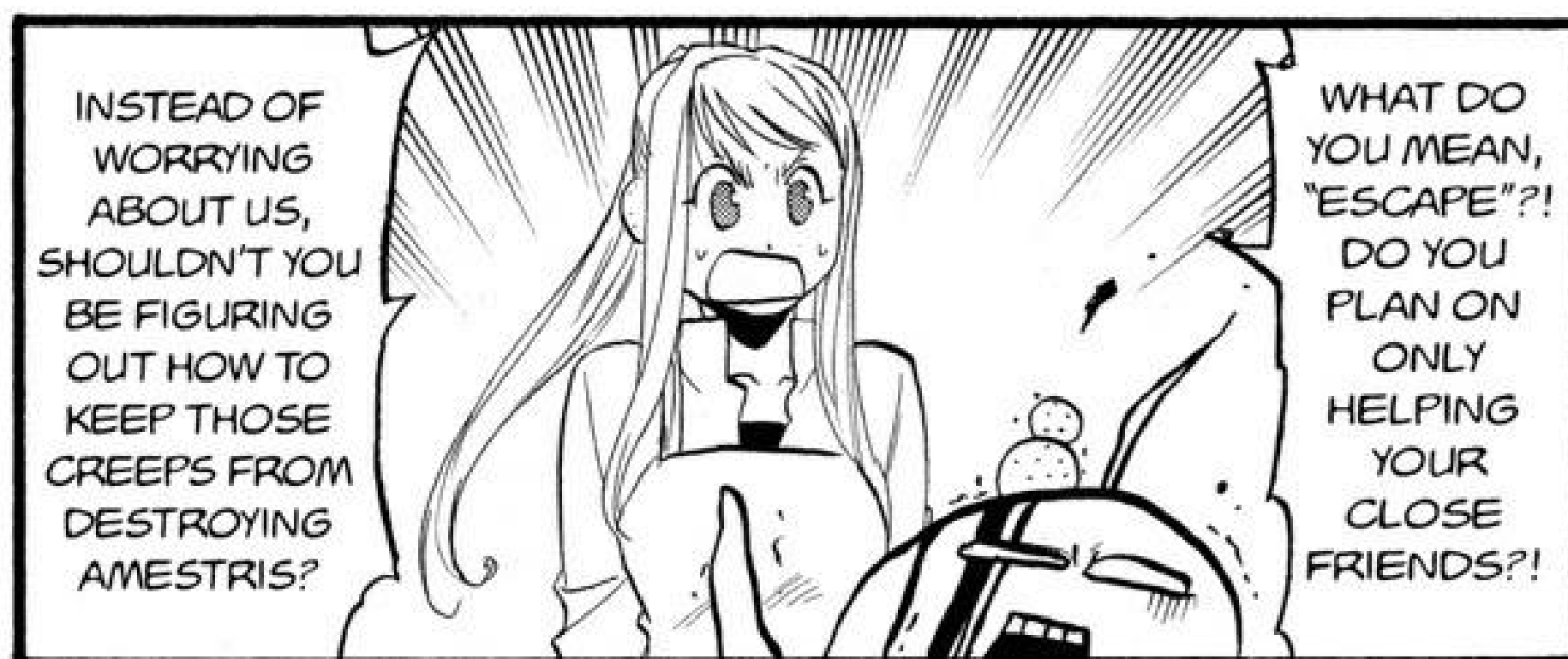
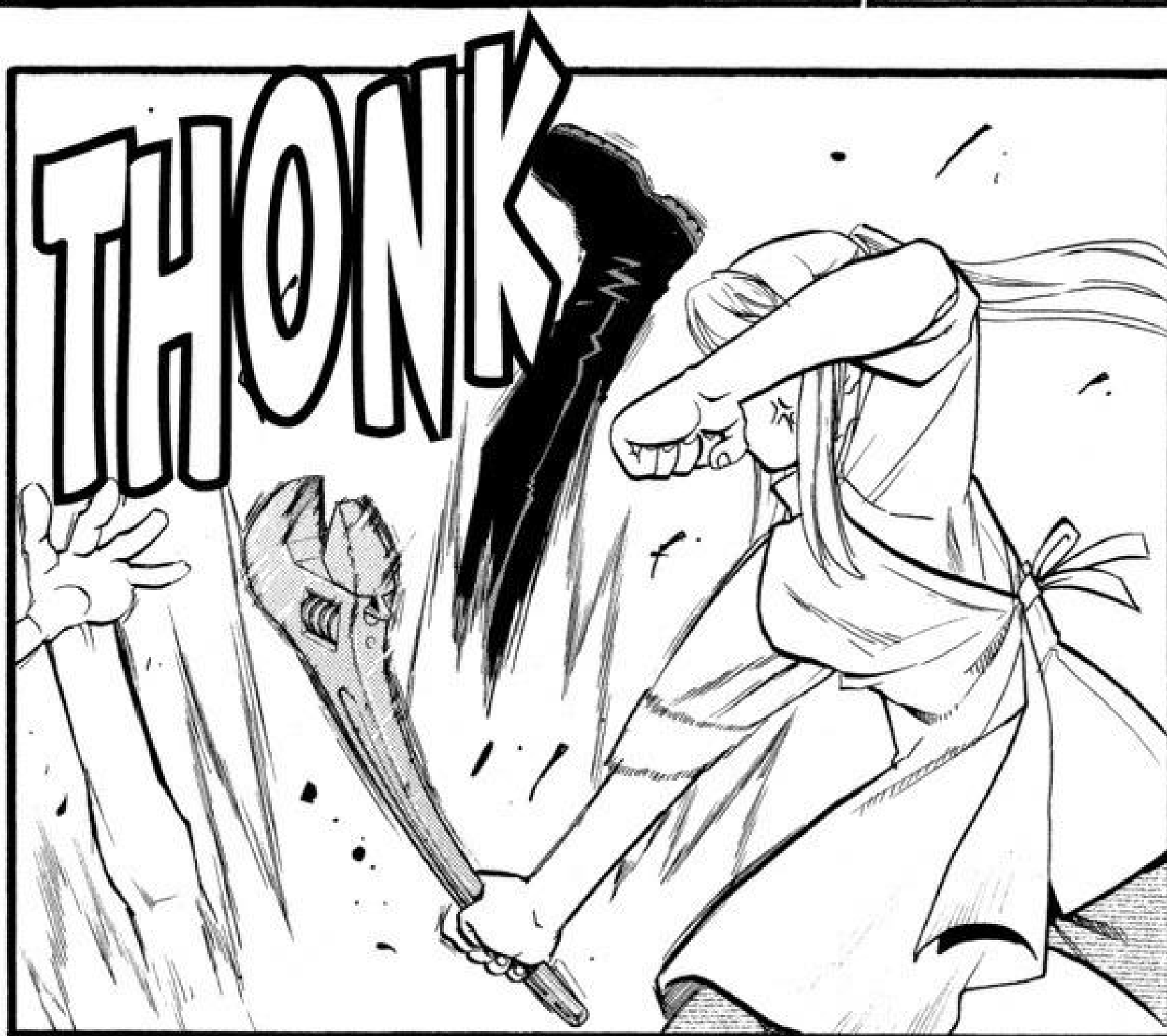


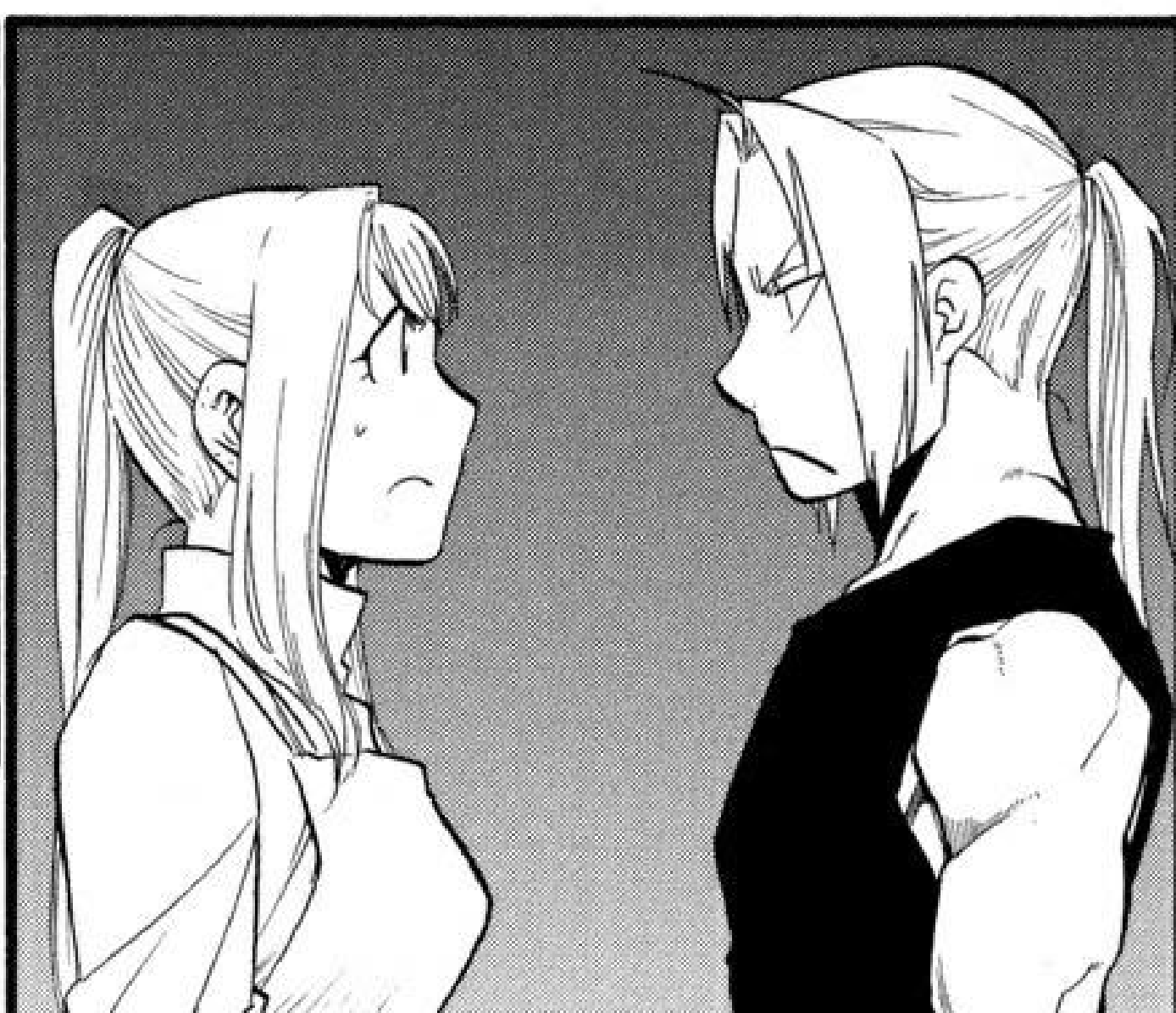
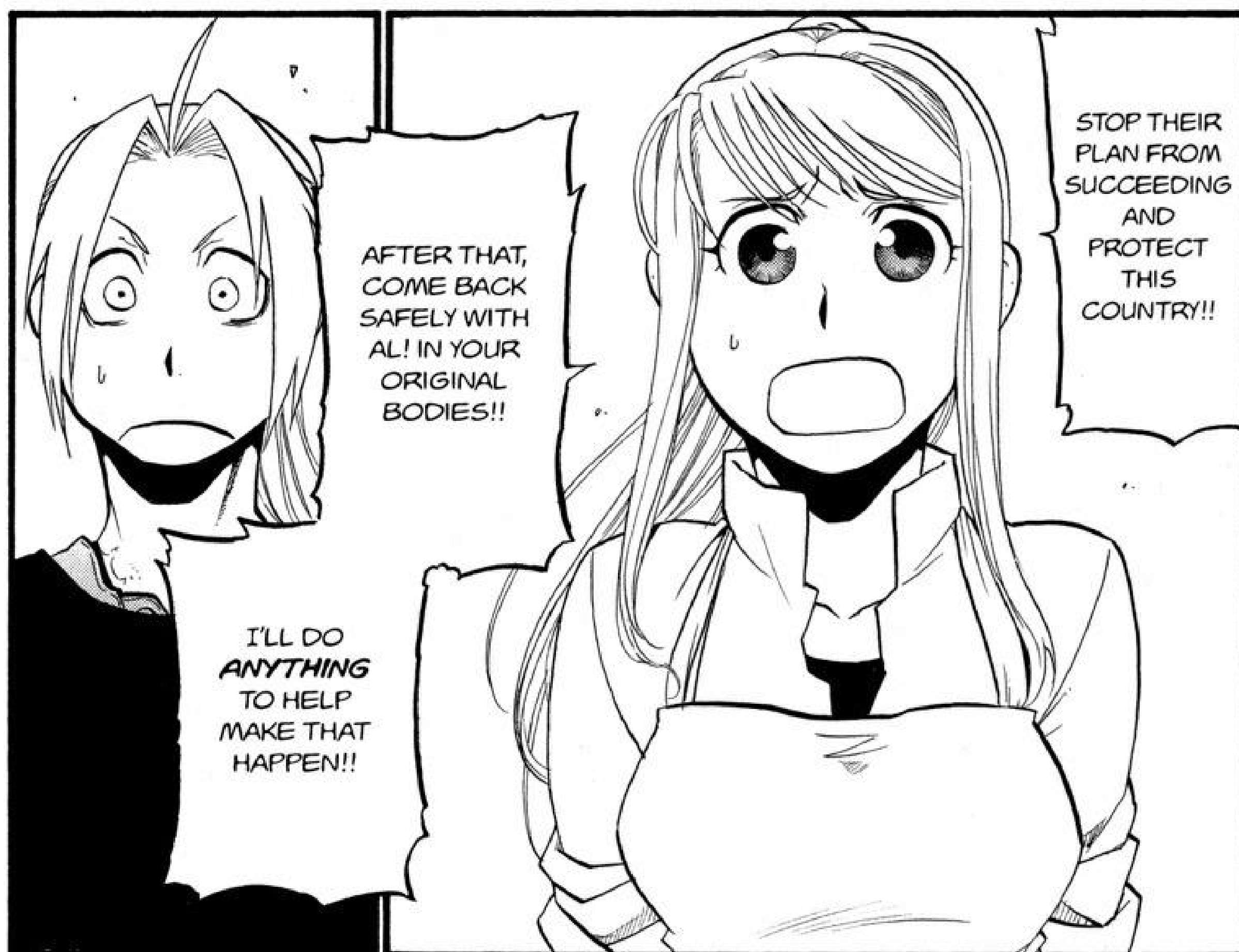


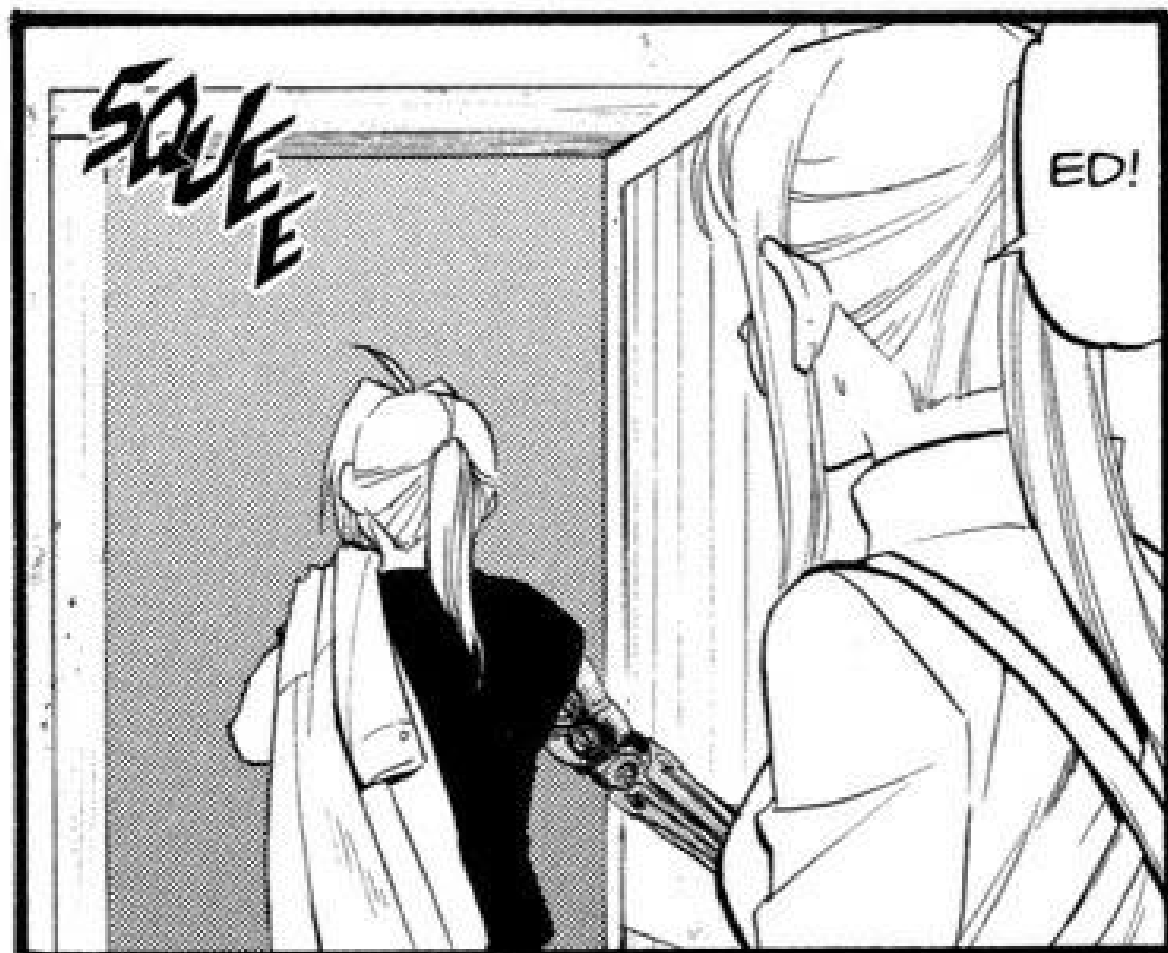












ED!



BLAH
BLAH BLAH!
YOU TALK
TOO MUCH.

WHAT? IT'S
NOT LIKE
YOU TO
HAVE SO
LITTLE
CONFIDENCE...



SLAM



SEE ?
I WANTED
TO BRING
BACK THE
DEAD, AND
LOOK WHAT
HAPPENED
TO ME.

NOTHING
GOOD
EVER
COMES
FROM
ASKING
FOR TOO
MUCH.

SQUEE

SQUEE

OH
YEAH ?

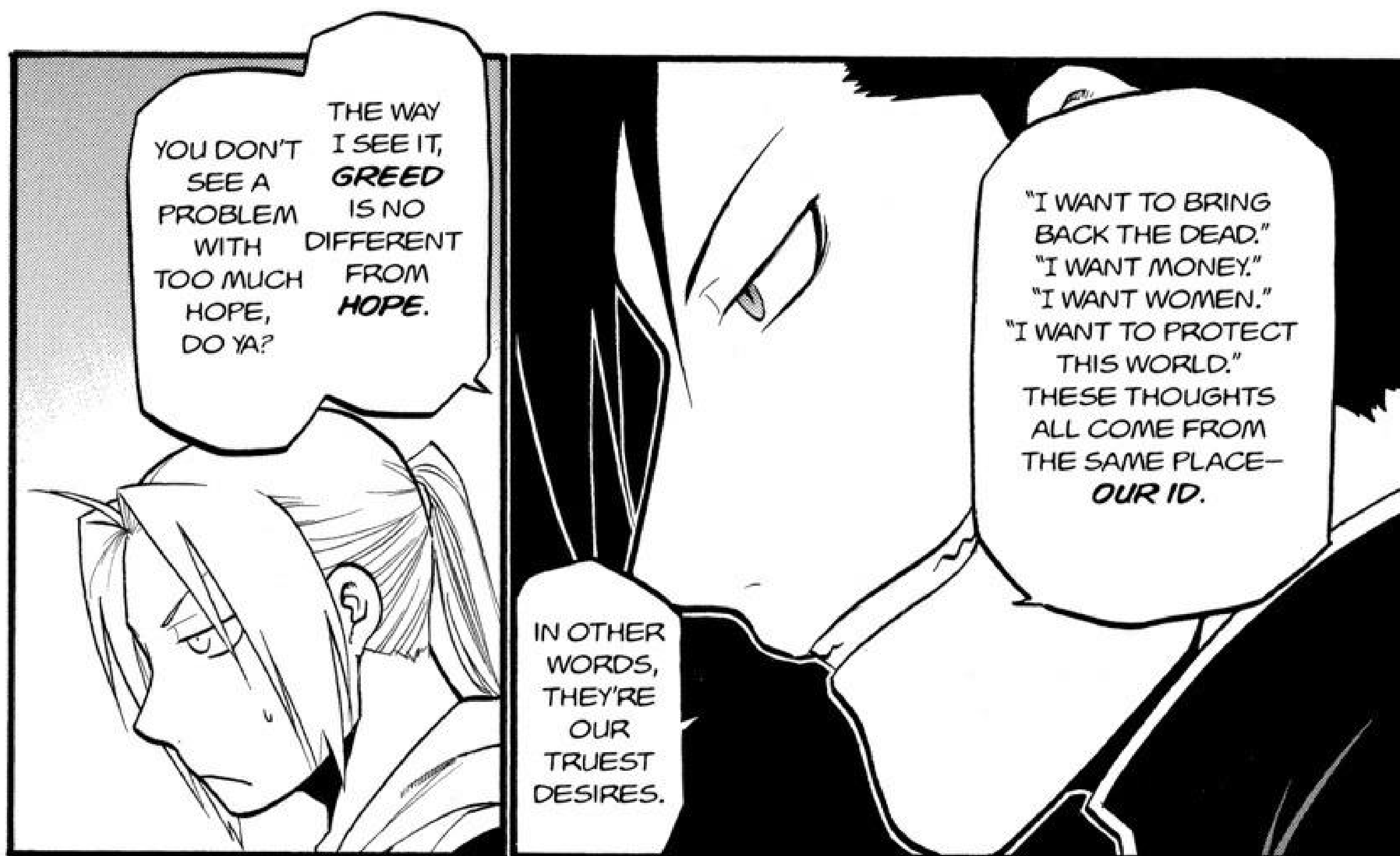


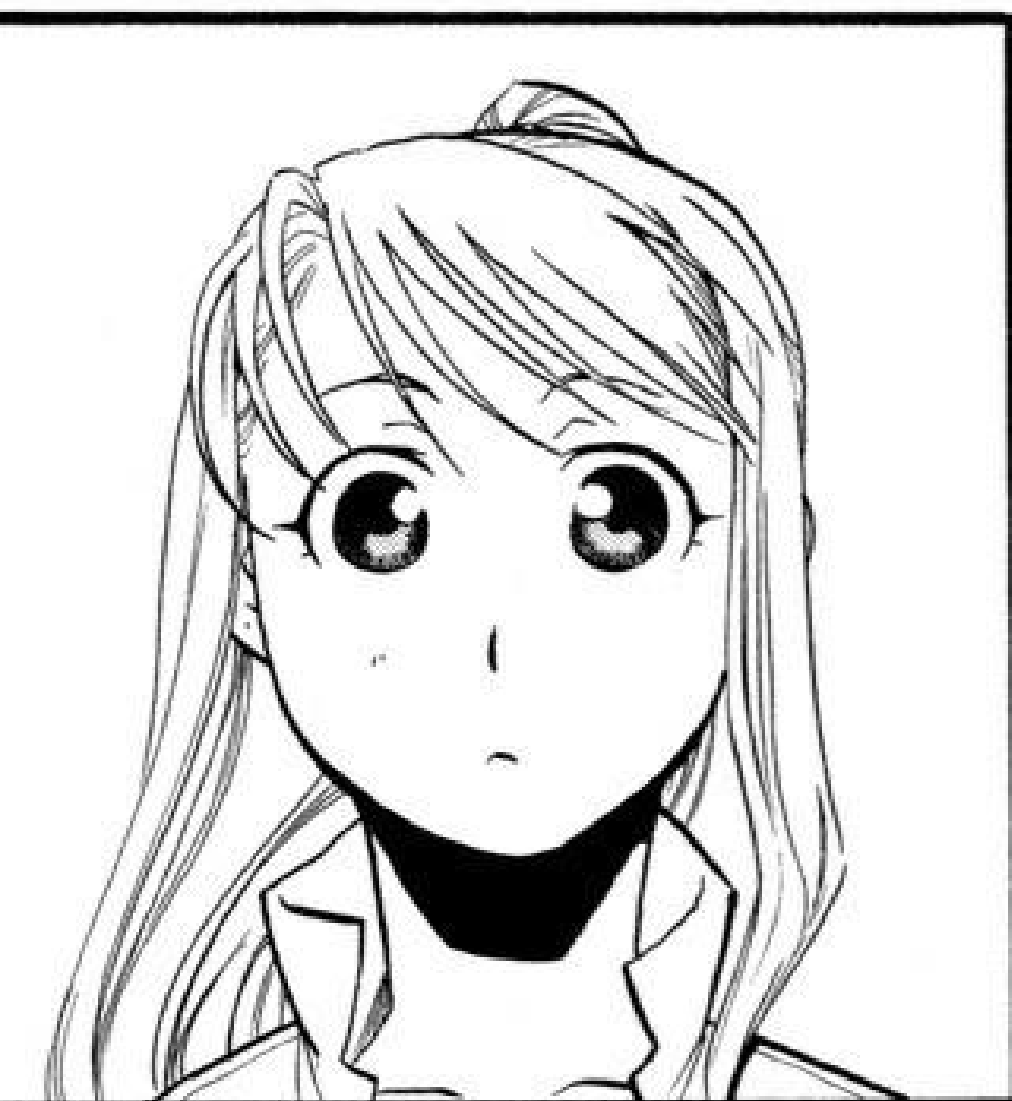
NICE
GIRL.

WANTS
IT ALL
AND NOT
AFRAID
TO ASK
FOR IT!



HEH
HEH
HEH.







LOOK
ON THE
BRIGHT
SIDE—YOU
REALLY
LOST
WEIGHT!

I NEVER
SIGNED
UP FOR
MANUAL
LABOR!



GEEZ,
ANOTHER
HARD
DAY'S
WORK.

LET'S
GO GET
A BITE
AT THE
OLD
MAN'S
PLACE.



STILL, THIS IS
NO TIME FOR
HONEST WORK.
THERE'S A
CRISIS
GOING ON!



HELLO,
YOU TWO!
SORRY
TO KEEP
YOU
WAITING.

DOC-
TOR
!!



I'LL GO
BACK TO
CAMP
AND GET
OUR LUG-
GAGE!

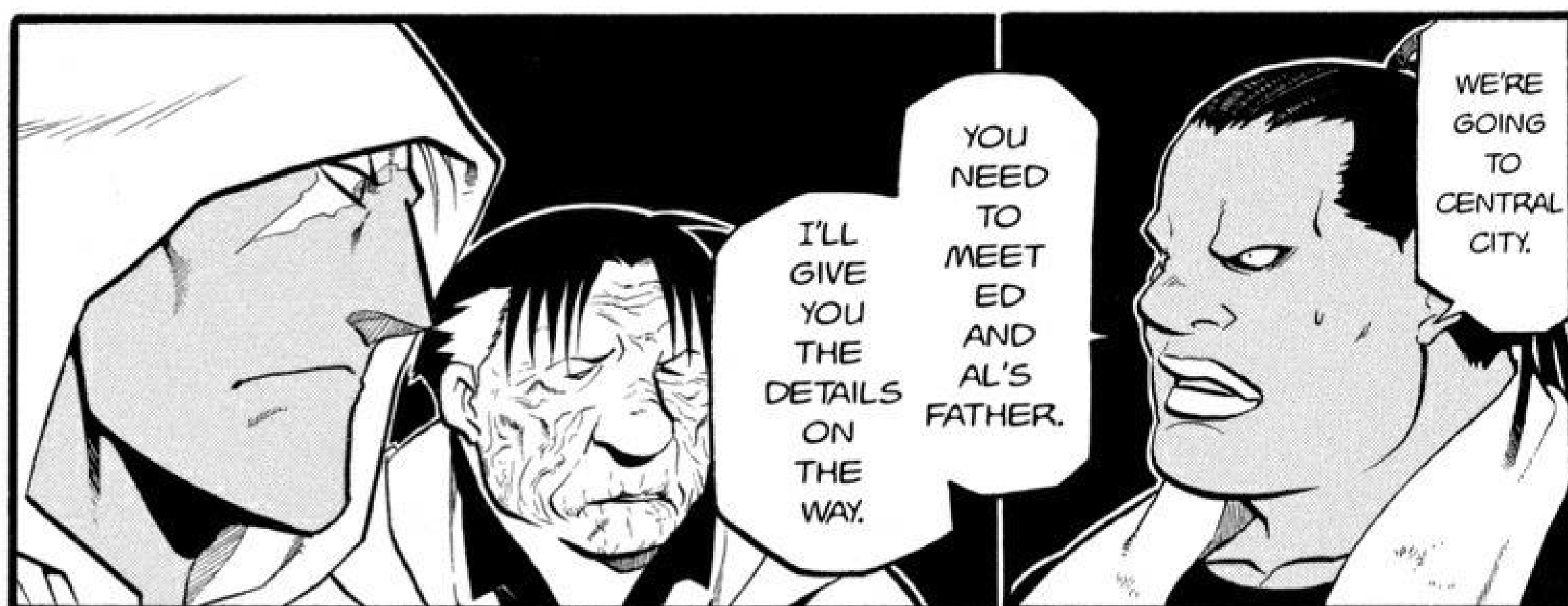
LET'S
HURRY!
WE CAN'T
AFFORD
TO WASTE
ANY MORE
TIME!

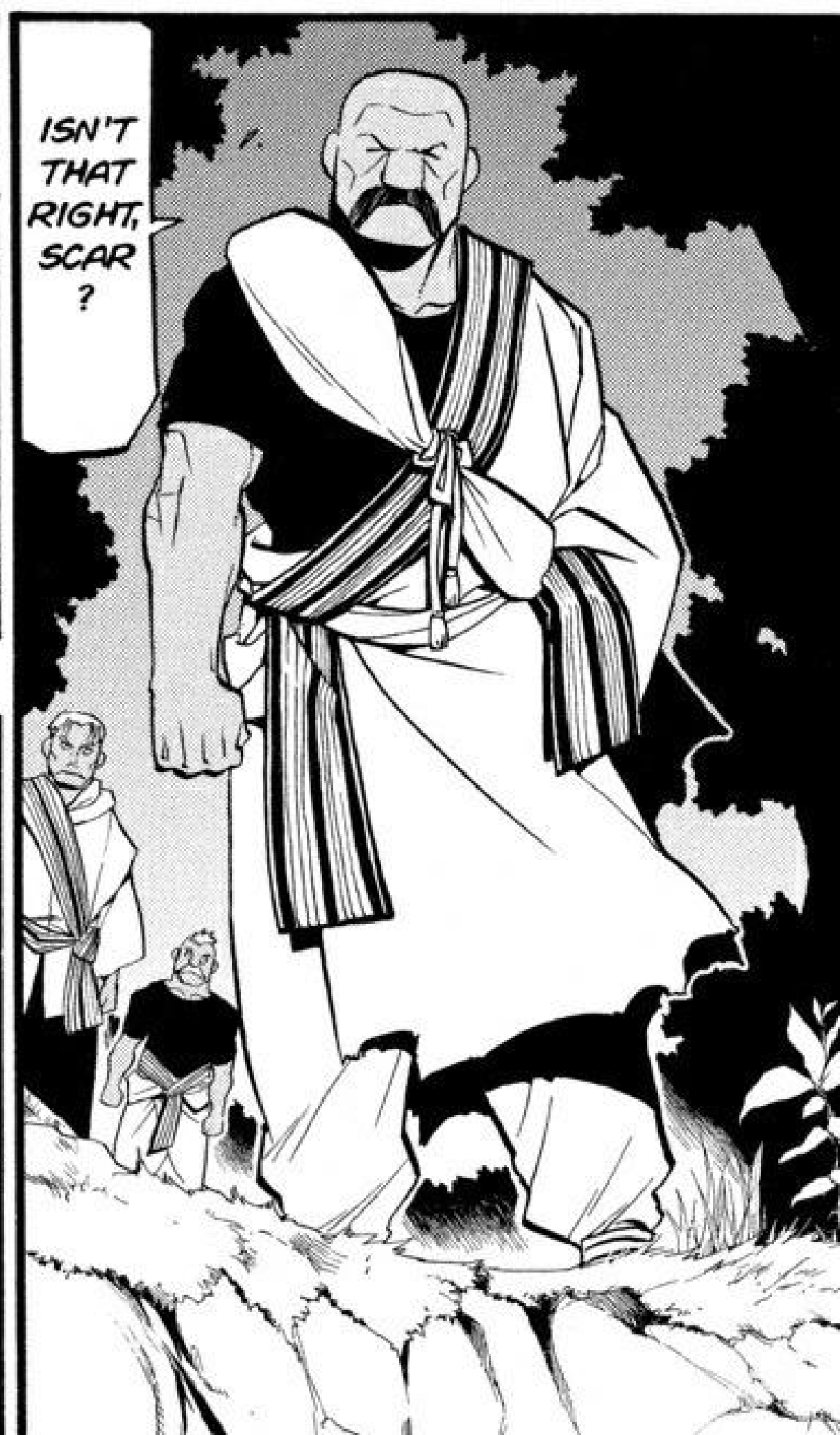
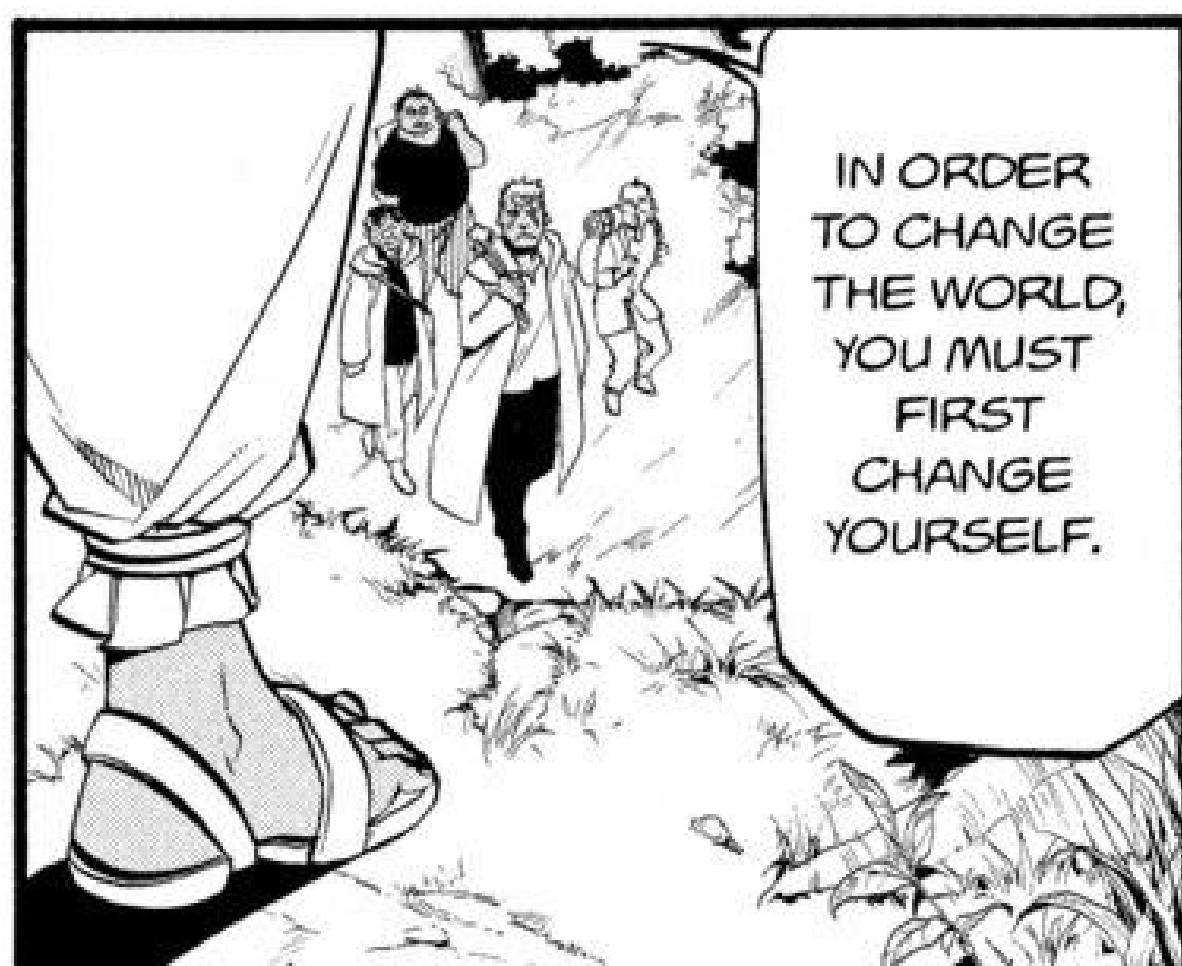
WHERE'VE
YOU BEEN
ALL THIS
TIME?!

YOU'RE
TELLING
ME!



HEY
!







THEY
TOO
ARE
ALLIES
WHO
SHARE
OUR
CAUSE.



BUT I
WASN'T THE
ONE WHO
TRAINED
THEM. IT
WAS MAJOR
GENERAL
ARMSTRONG.



THEY
CERTAINLY
SHOULD!
I TAUGHT
THEM
EVERYTHING
I LEARNED
ON THE
ISHBALAN
FRONT!

HA
HA
HA
HA!

YOUR
EASTERN
TROOPS
HAVE AN IM-
PRESSIVE
PRESENCE
AS WELL,
SIR.



THANK
YOU,
SIR.

YOUR
NORTHERN
TROOPS
LOOK
WELL
TRAINED
AS
USUAL.



MAJOR
MILES,
ISN'T
IT?

AH!

IT'S A
PLEASURE
TO SEE
YOU AGAIN,
LT. GENERAL
GRAMAN.



LET'S
HAVE A
GOOD,
HEALTHY
SKIRMISH,
SHALL
WE?

PLEASE
GO
EASY
ON
US,
SIR.



IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU'VE
EVER SHOWN
UP WHEN IT'S
HELD IN THE
NORTH.

WINTER
TRAINING
IN THE
NORTH IS
MUCH TOO
TIRING.

WELL...
I'M JUST
GLAD THIS
YEAR'S
JOINT
TRAINING
SESSION
IS BEING
HELD
HERE
IN THE
EAST.



WHSP

PSP

WHSP

BUT
THERE
IS ONE
SMALL
PROBLEM...

WHAT
IS
IT,
SIR?

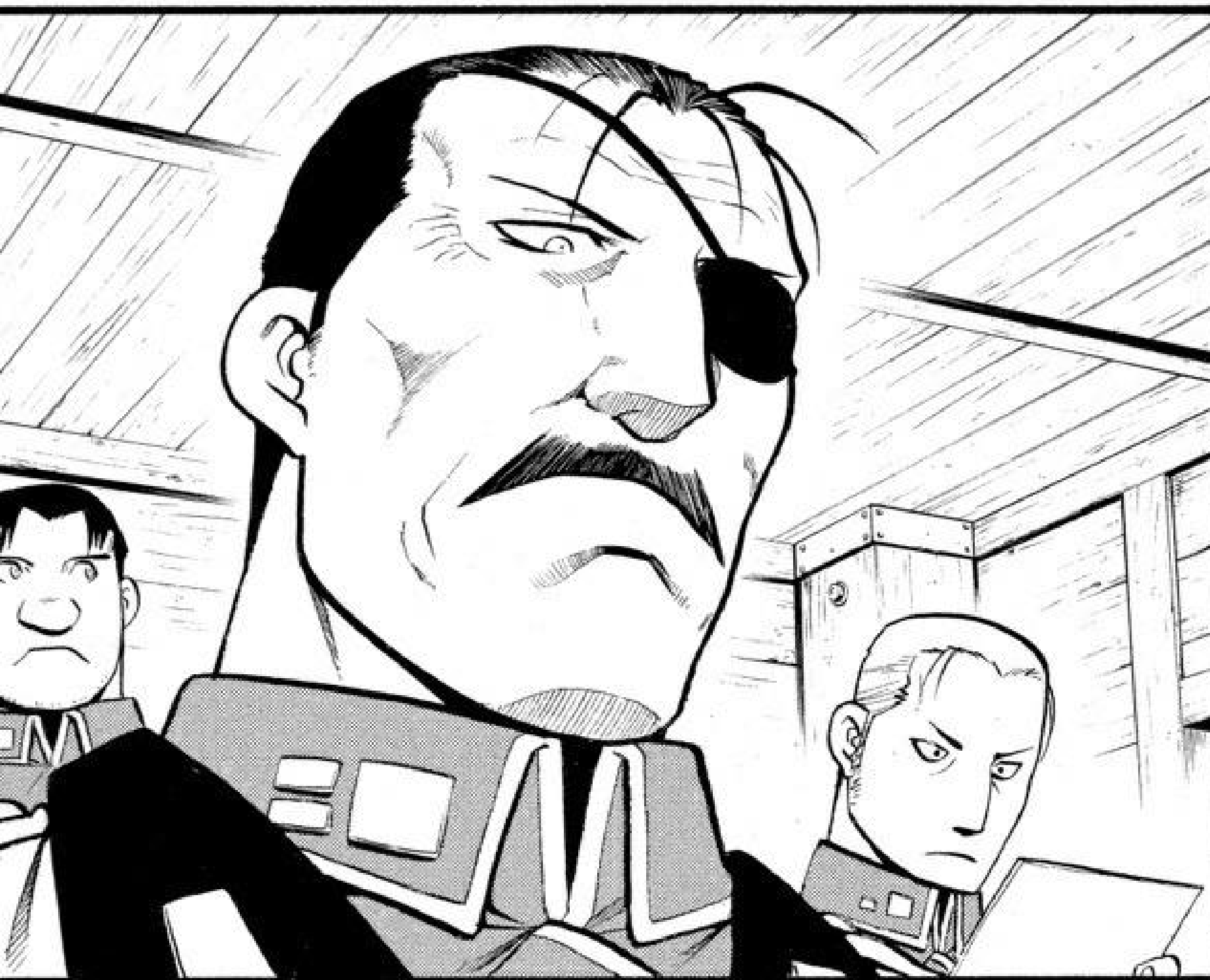


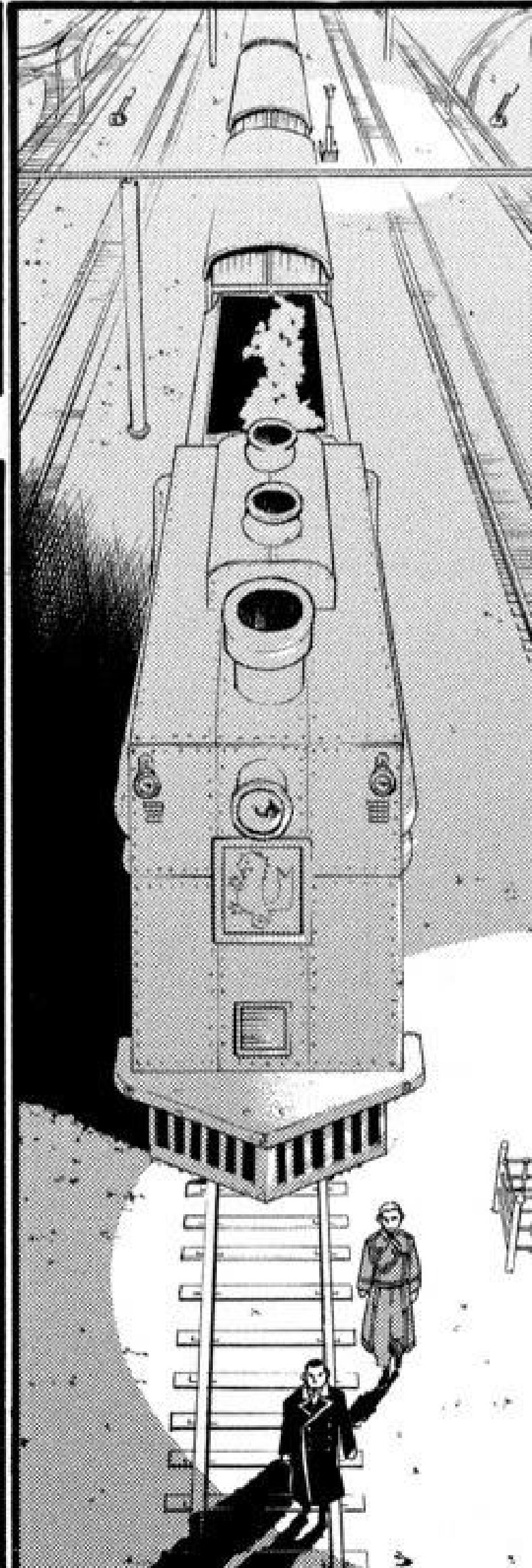
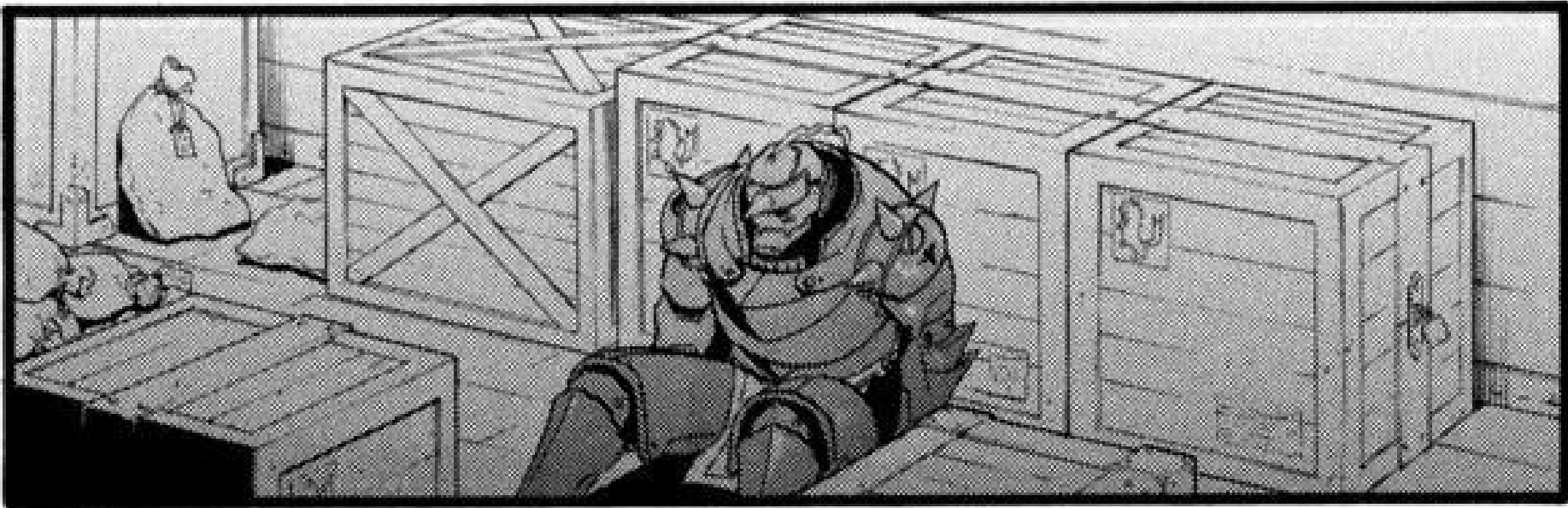
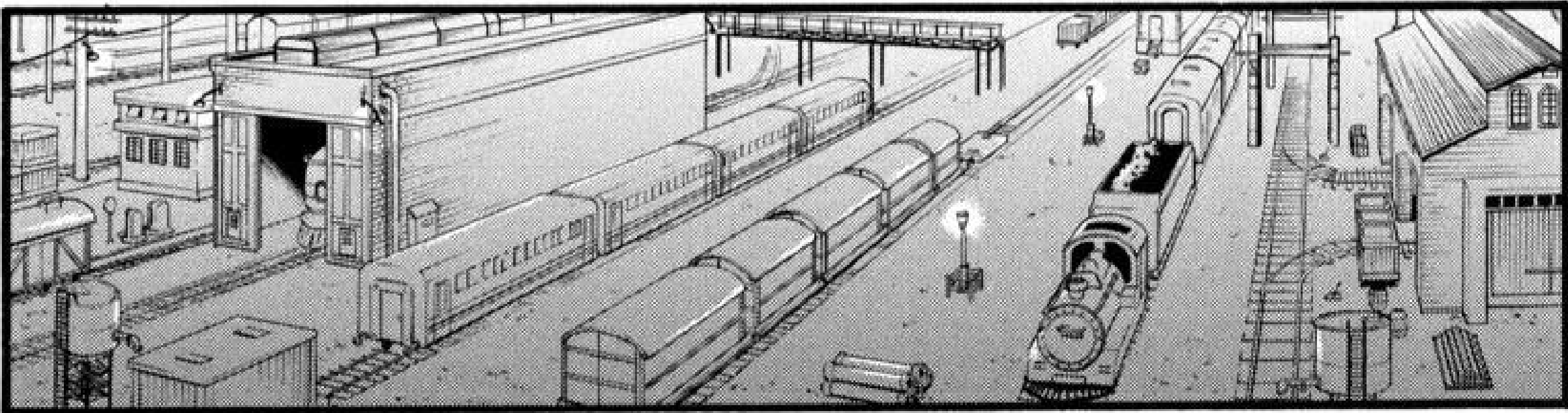
EVERY-
THING
IS
READY.

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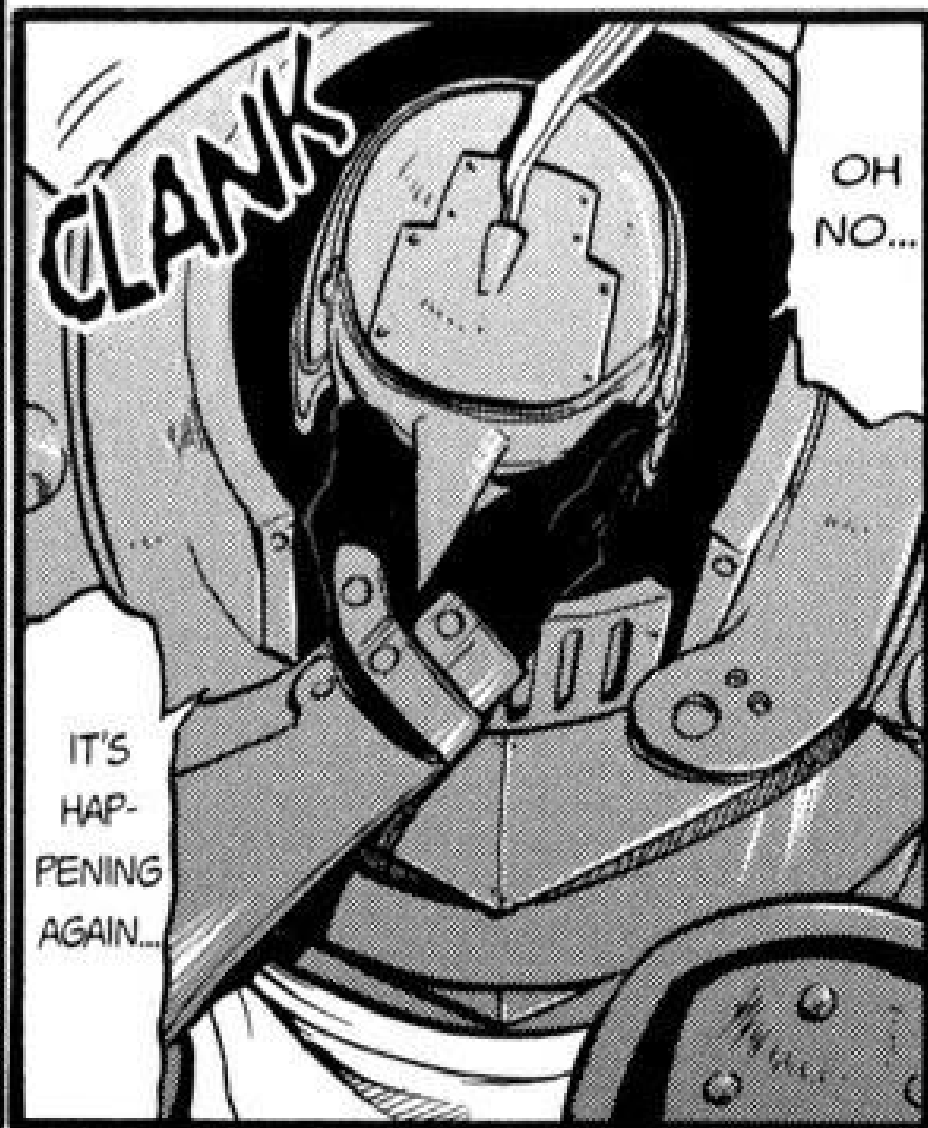
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WE'VE
COM-
PLETED
OUR
PREPARA-
TIONS AS
WELL...





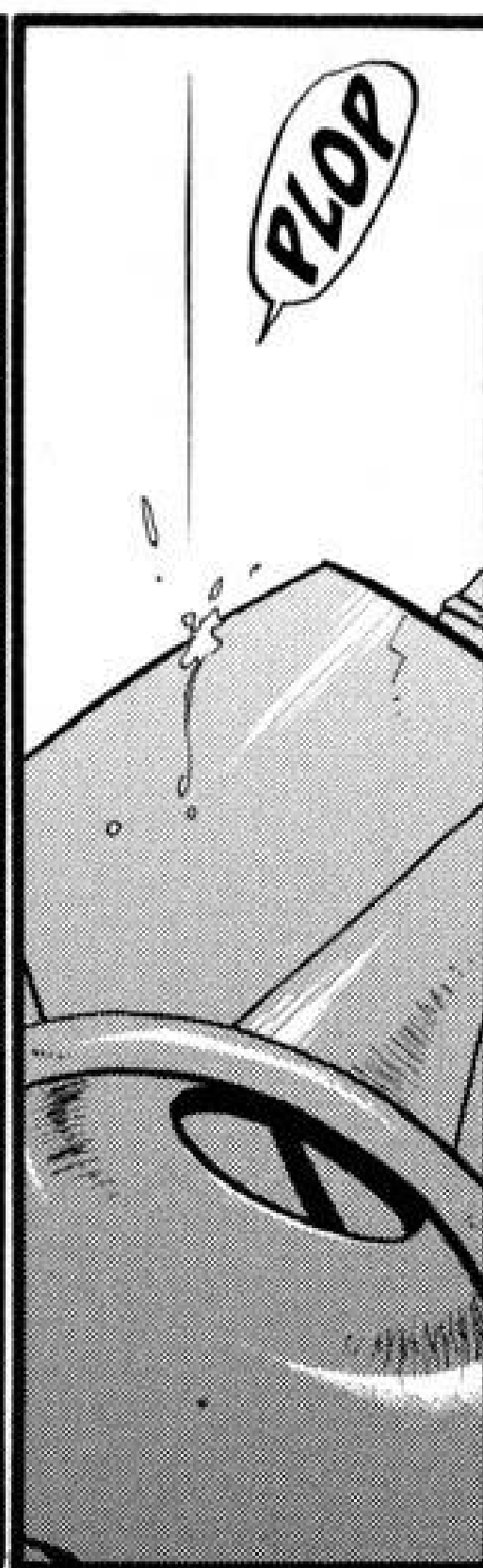
THAT FEELING
OF BEING
PULLED TOWARDS
THE OTHER SIDE
IS BECOMING
MORE AND MORE
FREQUENT...

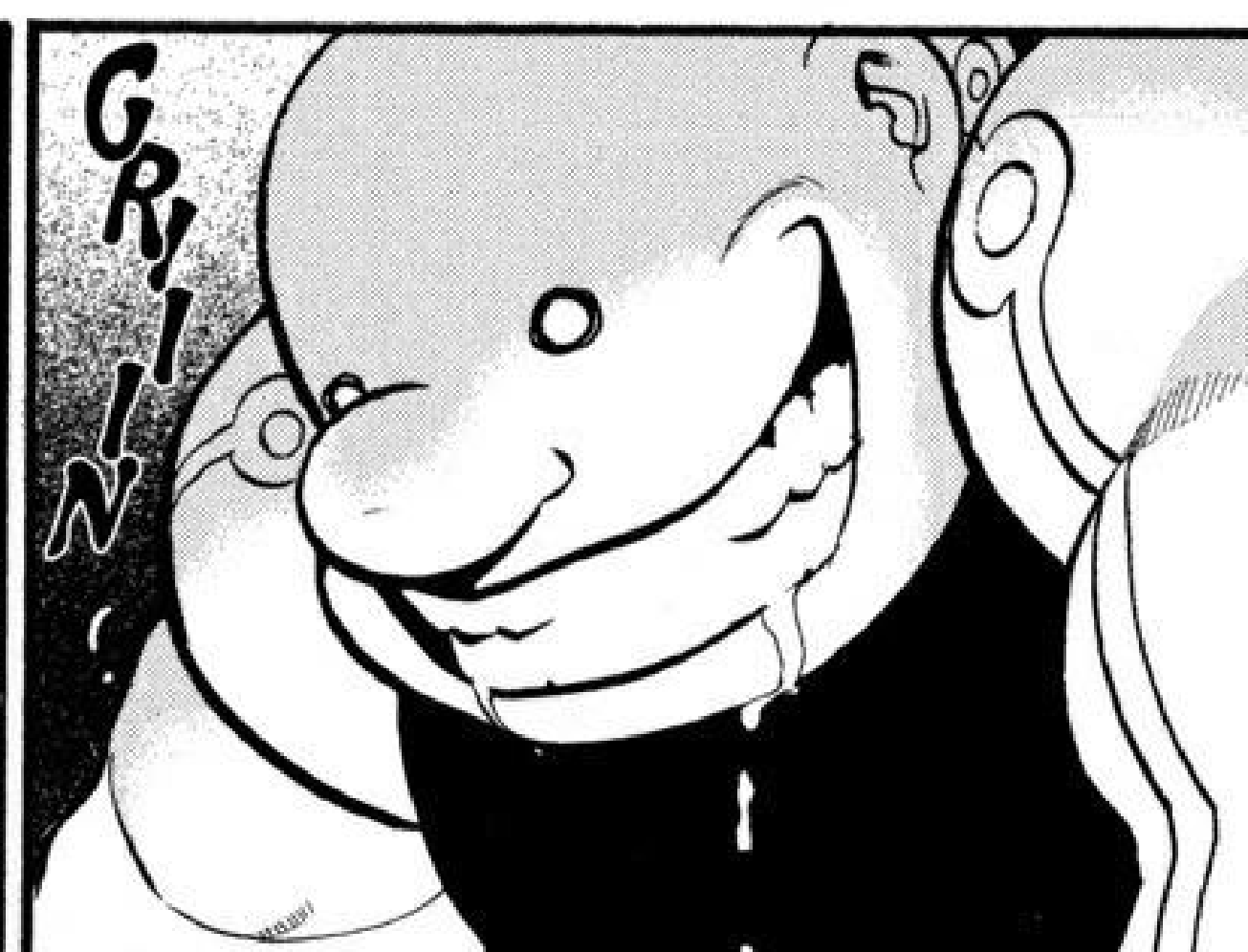
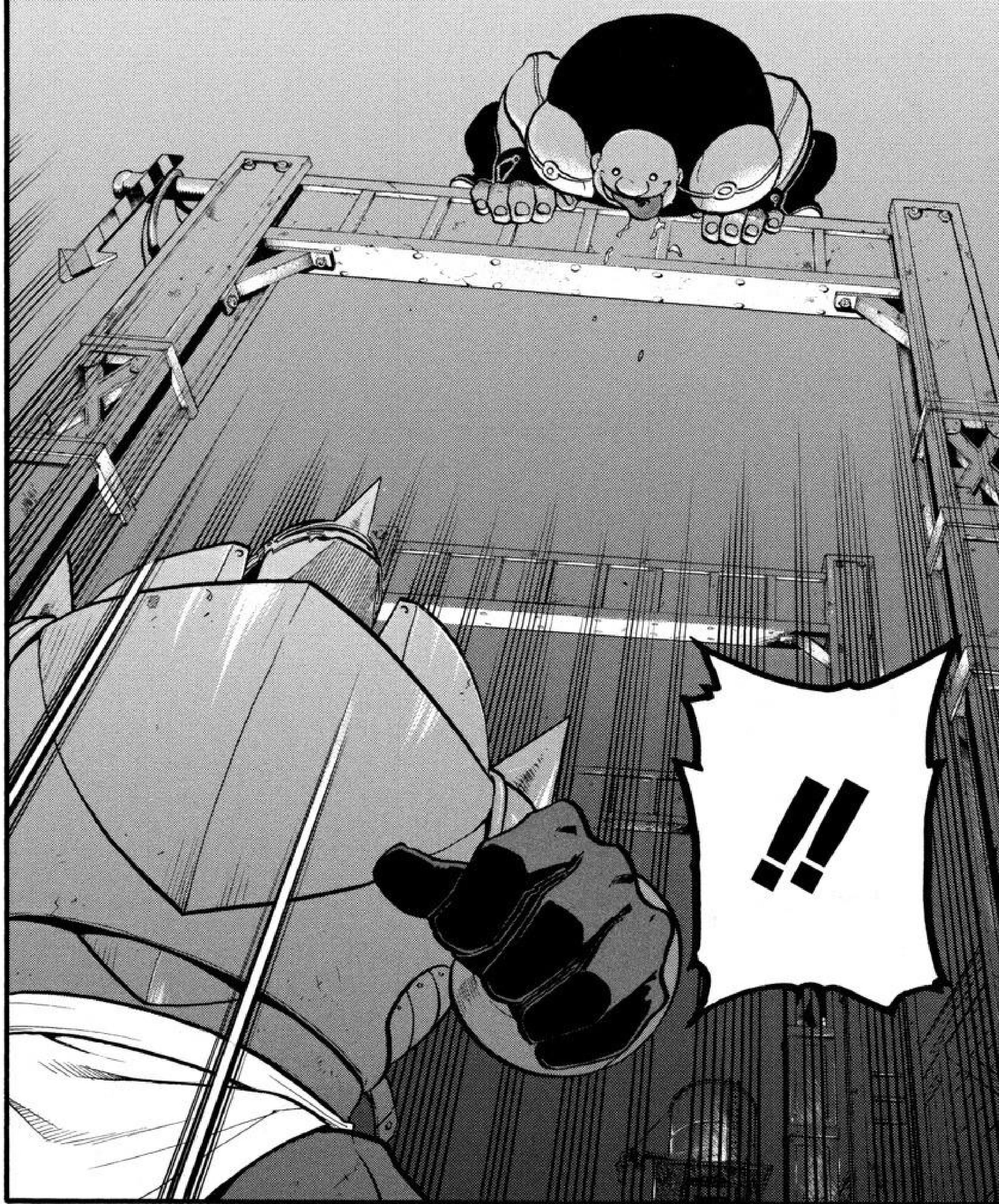


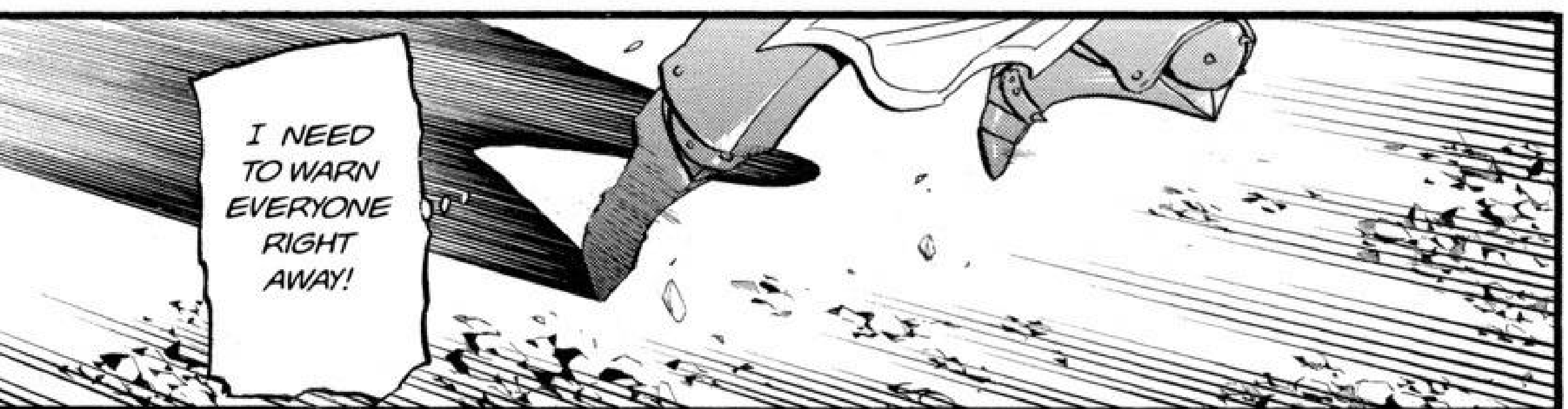
I NEED
TO GET
MY
ORIGINAL
BODY
BACK
SOON!

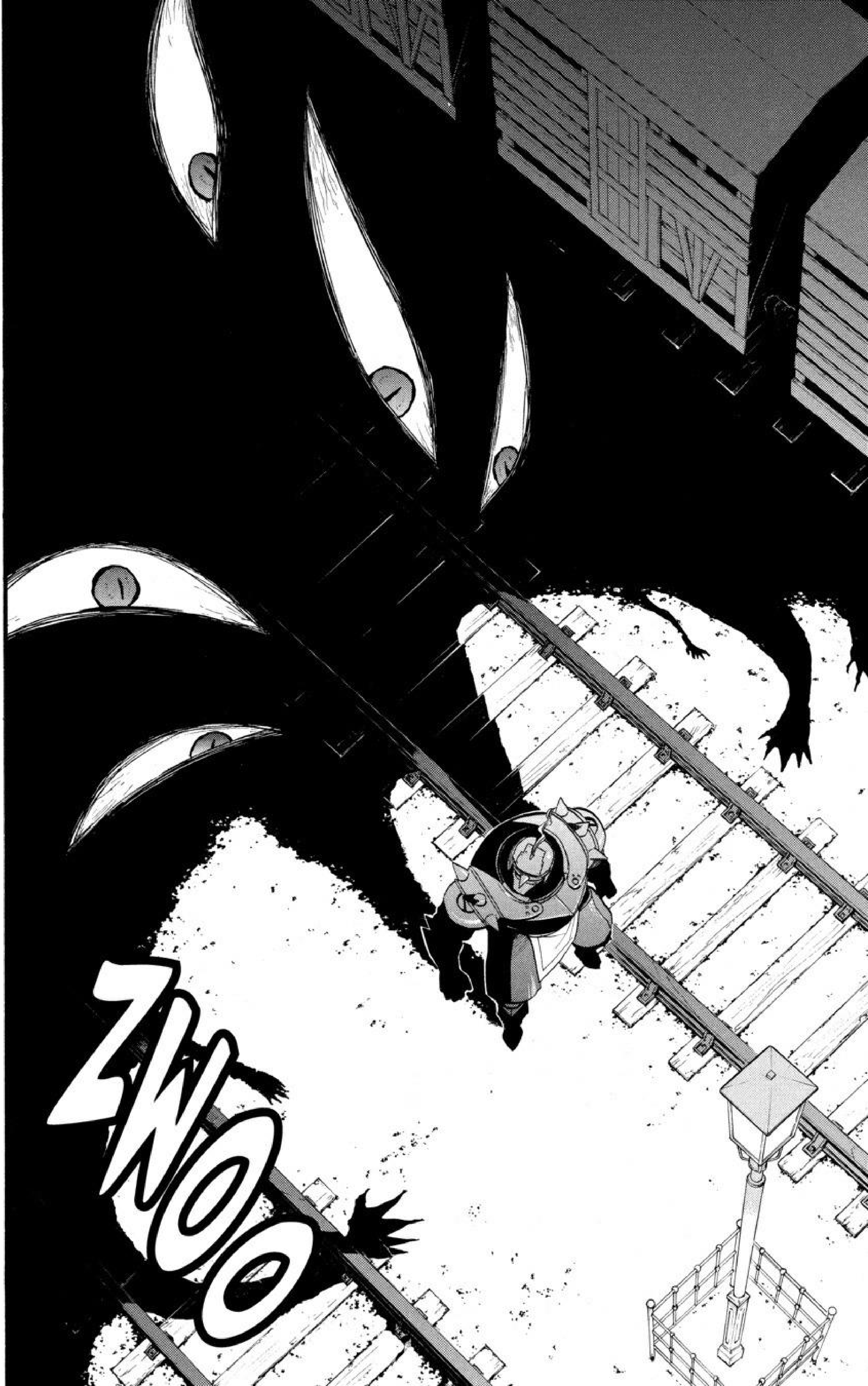


I
HAVE
TO
HURRY.

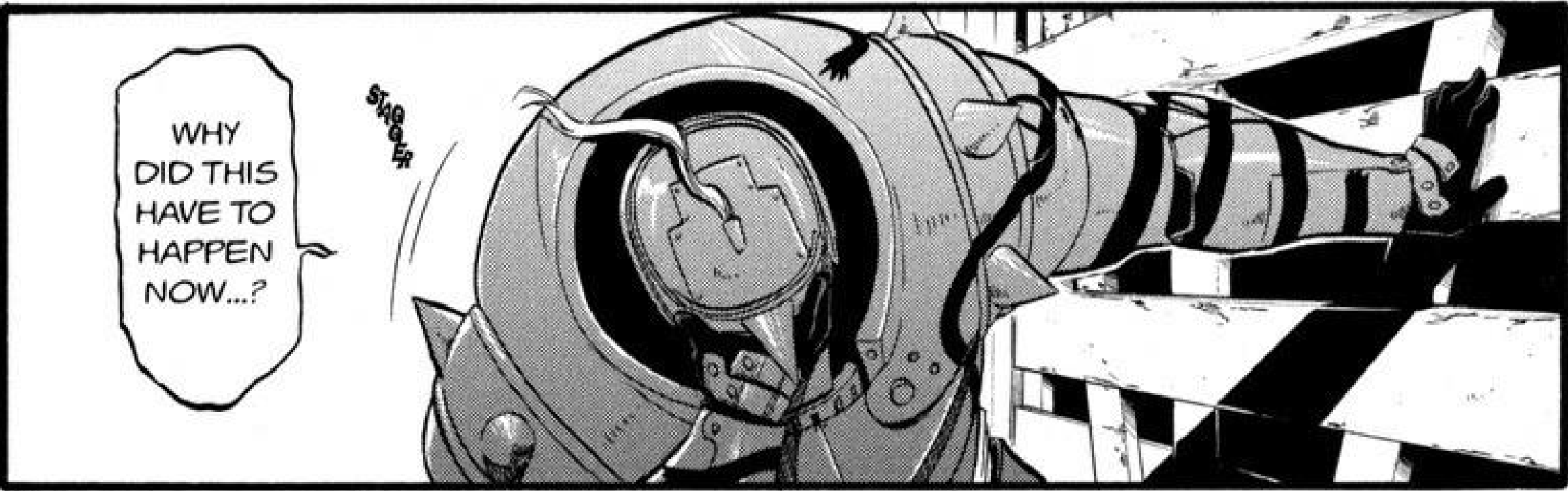




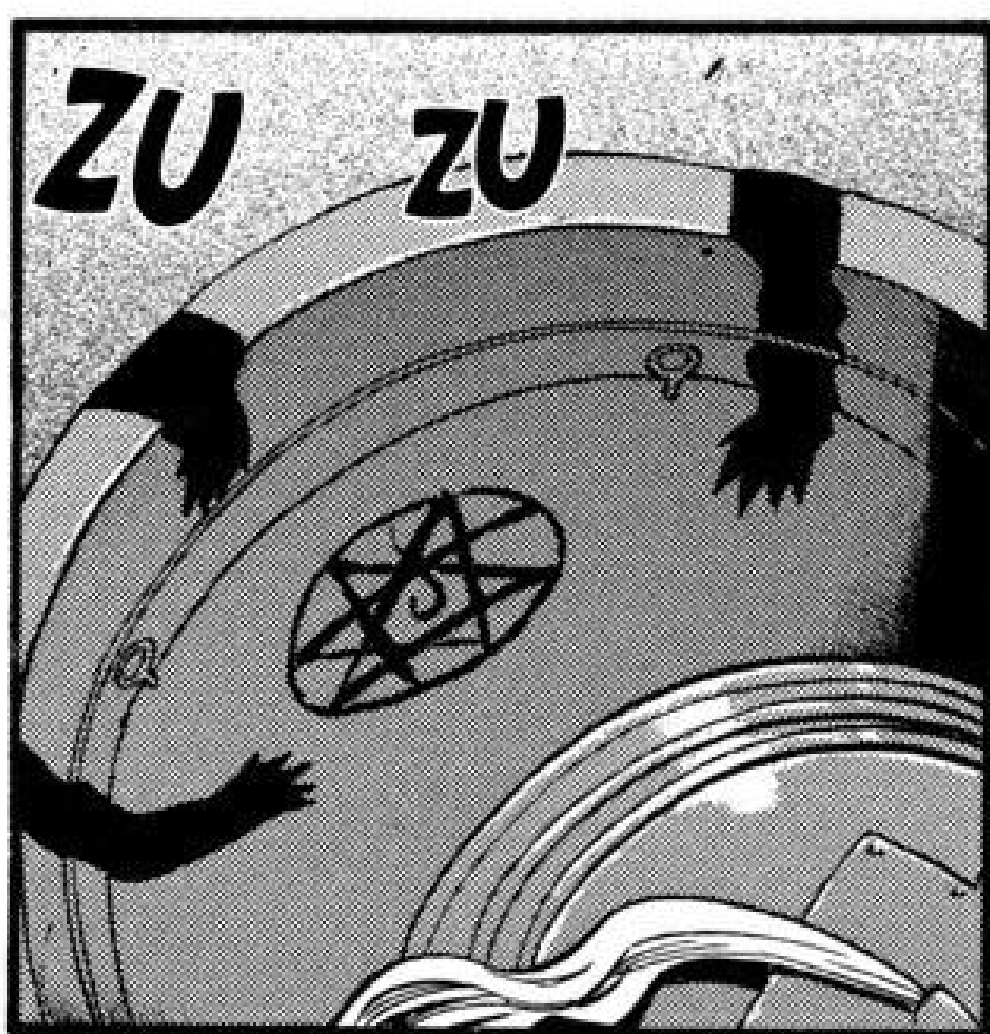
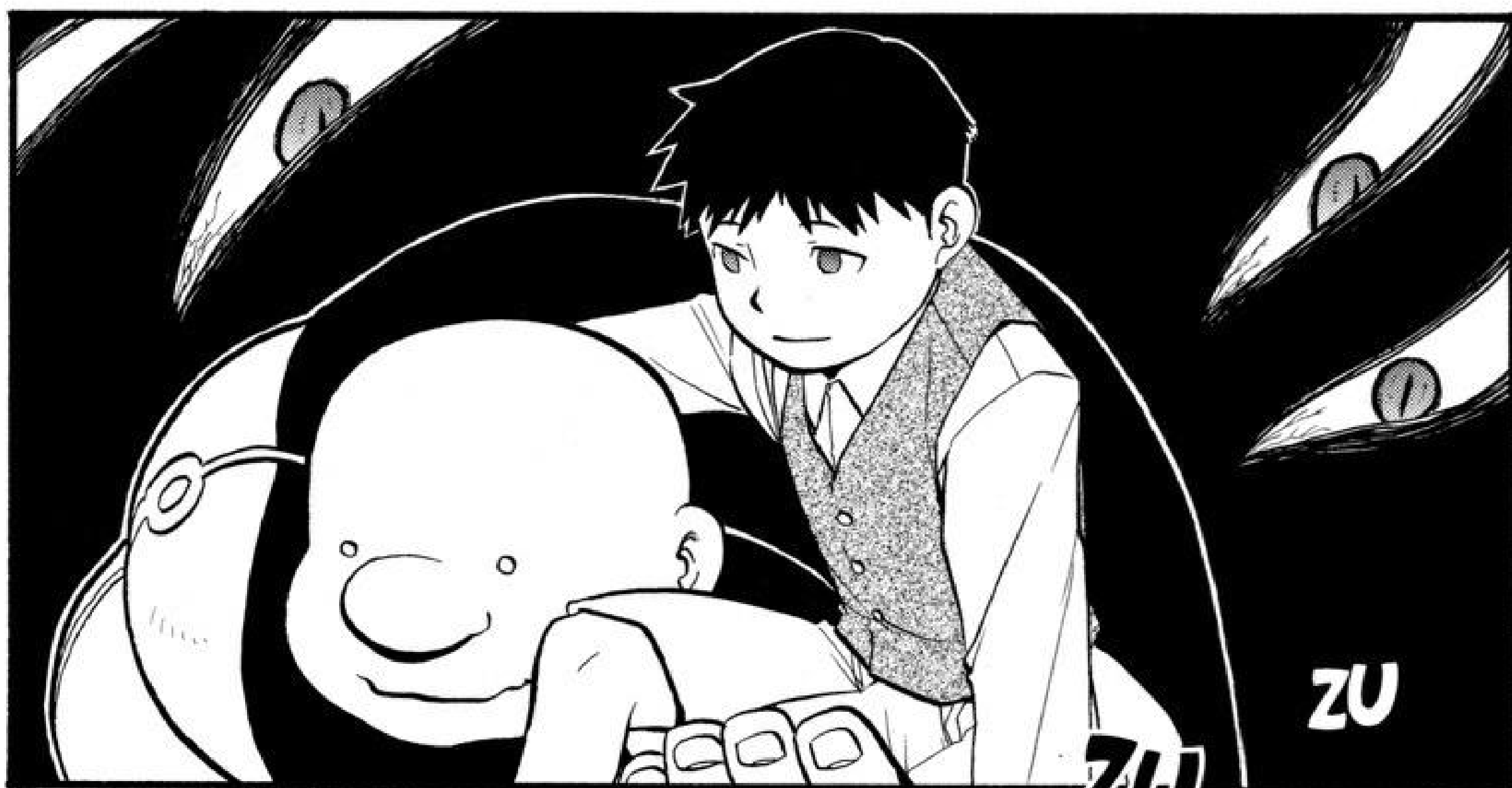














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